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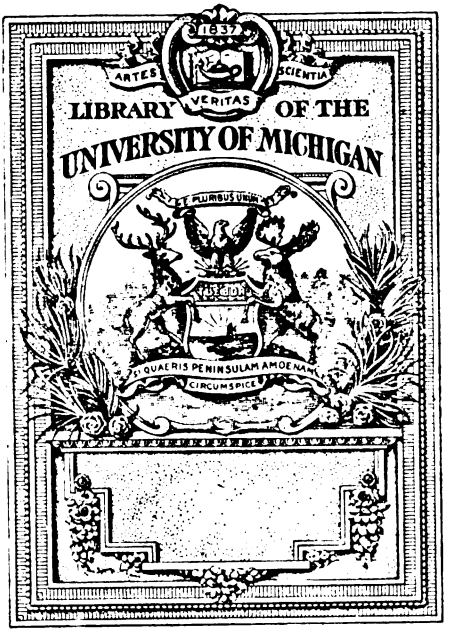

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OF THE

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The undersigned Knights Templar unite in a Call for a Convention of said Order, to be held in the City of Detroit, at the hall of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, on the 15th day of January, 1857, at 7 o'clock P. M.

N. P. JACOBS, D. B. NICHOLS,
F. W. NOBLE, THOMAS ANDERSON,
G. B. NOBLE, GEO. B. ENSWORTH,
G. W. WILSON, H. S. ROBERTS,
ALLYN WESTON,

Of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Detroit.

BELA COGSHALL,

Of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, Pontiac.

L. H. CORSON, R. S. CHENEY,
E. D. CONE, E. G. DALLAS,
F. FRENCH, H. F. FARNHAM,
B. PORTER, JR., S. C. COFFINBERRY,
D. CHAPMAN, G. C. MUNRO,

Of Eureka Commandery, No. 3, Hillsdale.

G. W. LUSK, W. C. RANSOM,

Of Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, Kalamazoo.

JAMES DARRAH, JOHN M. OLIVER,

Of Monroe Commandery, No. 5, Monroe.

WM. P. INNES, JAMES W. SLIGH,
JOHN K. CROSWELL,

Of De Molay Commandery, No. 6, Grand Rapids.

Agreeably to the above Call, a Convention of Sir Knights was held at he hall of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the City of Detroit, on Thursday evening, January 15th, 1857, at 7 o'clock—present the following Sir Knights:

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Sirs JOHN GILBERT, JR., E. C.
N. P. JACOBS,
WM. BARCLAY,
H. S. ROBERTS,
G. W. WILSON,
Of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Detroit.
BELA COGSHALL,
D. A. WRIGHT,
H. K. WHITE,
Of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, Pontiac.
E. D. CONE, E. C.
F. FRENCH,
E. G. DILL,
Of Eureka Commandery, No. 3, Hillsdale.
G. W. LUSK, E. C.
Of Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, Kalamazoo.
JAMES DARRAH, E. C.
JOHN M. OLIVER,
Of Monroe Commandery, No. 5, Monroe.
WM. P. INNES,
FREDERICK HALL,
JOHN K. CROSWELL,
Of De Molay Commandery, No. 6, Grand Rapids.

Sir Knight John Gilbert, Jr., was called to the Chair; and, on motion, Sir James Darrah was appointed Secretary.

On motion, each Commandery was declared to be entitled to three votes.

The object of the Convention was then stated by the Chair, to be for the purpose of taking the necessary steps for the formation of a GRAND COMMANDERY.

On motion of Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs, a Committee of three was appointed to draft the Statutes and Regulations for a Grand Commandery.

The Chair appointed Sir Knights Jacokes, Darrah, and Cone, as such Committee.

On motion, Sir Knight Jacokes was, by his own urgent request, excused from serving on said Committee, and Sir Knight Roberts appointed in his place.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to an informal ballot for officers; Sir Knights Roberts and Innes acting as Tellers.

The following Sir Knights were nominated as officers, on said ballot:

Sir J. GILBERT, JR., of Commandery No. 1, G. C.

Sir E. D. CONE, of Commandery No. 3, D. G. C.

Sir W. P. INNES, of Commandery No. 6, G. G.

Sir JAMES DARRAH, of Commandery No. 5, G. C. G.

Rev. Sir D. C. JACOKES, of Commandery No. 2, G. P.

Sir B. COGSHALL, of Commandery No. 2, S. W.

Sir G. W. LUSK, of Commandery No. 4, J. W.

Sir N. P. JACOBS, of Commandery No. 1, G. T.

Sir G. W. WILSON, of Commandery No. 1, G. R.

Sir F. FRENCH, of Commandery No. 3, G. S. B.

Sir J. M. OLIVER, of Commandery No. 5, G. S. B.

Sir D. A. WRIGHT, of Commandery No. 2, G. W.

Sir C. D. HOWARD, of Commandery No. 1, G. S.

On motion, Sir John Gilbert, Jr., was authorized, on receipt of the necessary documents from the Grand Master, to call a Convention for the purpose of organizing a Grand Commandery, and also that he forward a petition for a dispensation.

On motion, a copy of the foregoing proceedings was ordered to be made for the benefit of each Commandery in the State; the same to be signed by the officers of the Convention, and sent them.

The Convention then adjourned.

JOHN GILBERT, JR.,
Chairman.

JAMES DARRAH, *Secretary.*

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the proceedings.

GEO. W. WILSON,
Acting Grand Recorder.

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—OF A—

CONVENTION OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,

HELD ON

TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH, A. D. 1857, A. O. 739.

Convention assembled, pursuant to notice given, at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the City of Detroit, as above. Present:

Sir Knights JOHN GILBERT, JR.,
N. P. JACOBS,
WM. BARCLAY,
WM. DAVIS,
D. B. NICHOLS,
Rev. F. A. BLADES,
S. B. MORSE,
JOHN SCOTT,
G. B. NOBLE,
THOMAS ANDERSON,
F. W. NOBLE,
J. V. MEHLING,
JOS. J. RHODES,
W. S. MOORE,
GEO. LATTIMORE,
ALEX. MATTISON,
Of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Detroit.
Rev. D. C. JACOKES,
T. A. FLOWER,
Of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, Pontiac.
E. D. CONE,
J. O. AMES,
Of Eureka Commandery, No. 3, Hillsdale.

L. R. ATWATER,
GEO. F. KELLEY,
Of De Molay Commandery, No. 6, G. Rapids.

The Convention was called to order by Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs.

On motion, Sir Knight John Gilbert, Jr., was appointed Chairman, and Sir Knight Thomas Anderson was appointed Recorder *pro tem.*

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Sir Knights Darrah, Cone, and Jacokes, was appointed to examine credentials of delegates to this Convention.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Sir Knights as entitled to seats:

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1, DETROIT—
J. Gilbert, Jr., E. C.
N. P. Jacobs, G.
Wm. Barclay, C. G.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2, PONTIAC—
A. B. Matthews, E. C.
T. A. Flower, G., and proxy for E. C.
D. C. Jacokes, C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3, HILLSDALE—
E. D. Cone, E. C., and proxy for G.
C. I. Dickinson, G.
Richard Bowe, C. G., by J. O. Ames, proxy.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 5, MONROE—
James Darrah, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.
J. M. Oliver, G.
Thomas Norman, C. G.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 6, GRAND RAPIDS—
W. P. Innes, E. C.
E. Merrill, G.
Isaac Leonard, C. G., by L. R. Atwater, proxy for all.

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion, the Warrant from the Hon. Sir W. B. Hubbard, Grand Master, was read:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all True and Courteous Knights of our Order:

KNOW YE, THAT, WHEREAS, There are now established and existing Six Commanderies in the State of Michigan, holding their authority from the Grand Encampment of the United States, and working under its jurisdiction; to-wit, Detroit Commandery, No. 1; Pontiac Commandery, No. 2; Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, with Nos. 3, 5, and 6:

AND, WHEREAS, On behalf of the several Commanderies, it has been duly certified to me that they are desirous to form, hold and maintain a Grand Commandery, in and for the State of Michigan, subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States of America:

THEREFORE, I, W. B. HUBBARD, Grand Master as aforesaid, being satisfied that such request is reasonable and proper, by virtue of the high powers in me vested, and in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of our Order, do hereby authorize and empower the aforesaid Commanderies Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, or any three of them, in due order, to meet at such time and place as they may agree upon, and form a State Grand Commandery in and for the State of Michigan, subordinate to our Grand Encampment, such State Grand Commandery, when so formed, making due return and report to me of all their official doings and proceeding in the premises, and making a like return to our V. E. Grand Recorder; and for all their doings, in accordance with the rules and usages of our Order, in forming such State Grand Commandery, this shall be their warrant.

Given under my Hand and Private Seal, at the City of Columbus, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1857, A. O. 739.

[L. S.] W. B. HUBBARD, G. M.

The following communication from Peninsular Commandery was then read:

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 4, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
KALAMAZOO, March 20th, A. O. 739.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER:

Your favor of the 13th instant came to hand in due season, and was laid before the Commandery, when the following resolution was offered, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Recorder be instructed to inform the Recorder of Detroit Commandery, that Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, decides to remain, for the present, subordinate to the General Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

I am, Sir Knight, your friend and brother,

M. W. WARD, *Recorder.*

TO THOMAS ANDERSON,

Recorder Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Detroit, Mich.

On motion, the same was referred to a Committee, consisting of Sir Knights Jacobs, Darrah, and Jacokes, who reported no action was necessary in the matter.

Which report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Upon motion, the Grand Commandery proceeded to elect Grand Officers under Section 4 of Article VI. of the Constitution, and in conformity to Section 3 of Article I.; Sir Knights James Darrah and Thos. Anderson were appointed Tellers.

Sir John Gilbert, Jr., of Detroit, was then elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir E. D. Cone, of Hillsdale, was elected V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.

Sir Wm. P. Innes, of Grand Rapids, was elected E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir James Darrah, of Monroe, was elected E. Grand Captain-General.

Rev. Sir D. C. Jacokes, of Pontiac, was elected E. Grand Prelate.

Sir G. W. Wilson, of Lyons, was elected E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir T. A. Flower, of Pontiac, was elected E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir Wm. Barclay, of Detroit, was elected E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir Thomas Anderson, of Detroit, was elected E. Grand Recorder.

Sir Franklin French, of Hillsdale, was elected E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir J. M. Oliver, of Monroe, was elected E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir L. R. Atwater, of Grand Rapids, was elected E. Grand Warder.

Sir C. D. Howard, of Detroit, was elected E. Grand Captain of the Guards.

On motion, the Grand Commandery proceeded to install the above officers; which was done, in AMPLE FORM, by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The R. E. Grand Commander then appointed the following Committees:

1st. Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers:

Sir Knights MATHER, FLOWER, and NORMAN.

2d. Committee on Finance:

Sir Knights CONE, DARRAH, and BARCLAY.

3d. Committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies:

Sir Knights INNES, OLIVER, and ROWE.

4th. Committee on Unfinished Business:

Sir Knights AMES, NORMAN, and LEONARD.

5th Committee on Grievances:

Sir Knights INNES, ROWE, and FLOWER.

6th. Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

Sir Knights JACOKES, JACOBS, and MATHER.

7th. Committee to Designate Next Place of Meeting:

Sir Knights DARRAH, BARCLAY, and INNES.

8th. Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

Sir Knights JACOBS, JACOKES, and ANDERSON.

9th. Committee on Returns:

Sir Knights ANDERSON, OLIVER, and MATHER.

On motion, Sir Knights Gilbert, Anderson, and Jacobs were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery.

On motion, the same Committee were appointed to procure a suitable Seal for this Grand Commandery, and also blank Charters, Returns, and such other necessary blanks as may be deemed advisable.

On motion, the R. E. Grand Commander was authorized to draw his warrant on the E. Grand Treasurer for the necessary expenses attendant on printing and procuring a Seal.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That each Subordinate Commandery under this jurisdiction, now organized, be required to take a Charter from this Grand Commandery, and pay into the funds of the same the sum of TEN DOLLARS therefor.

The R. E. Grand Commander, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, then proceeded to close the Commandery; which was done in AMPLE FORM, and the same declared closed until the first Tuesday in June, A. D. 1858, A. O. 740, unless sooner convened by the R. E. Grand Commander.

THOMAS ANDERSON,
Grand Recorder.

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—OF A—

SPECIAL CONVOCATION OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

HELD ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 11th, A. D. 1858, A. O. 740.

Agreeably to a Call, a Special Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan convened at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the City of Detroit, as above. Present:

Sir JOHN GILBERT, JR., R. E. Grand Commander.
N. P. JACOBS, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander, *p. t.*
WM. P. INNES, E. Grand Generalissimo.
JAMES DARRAH, E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. D. C. JACOKES, E. Grand Prelate.
G. W. WILSON, E. Grand Senior Warden.
T. A. FLOWER, E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
J. B. STARING, E. Grand Recorder, *p. t.*
FRANKLIN FRENCH, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
L. R. ATWATER, E. Grand Warder.
C. D. HOWARD, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers were stationed at their respective posts, and the Grand Commandery opened in AMPLE FORM.

On motion, the notice for the present session was read.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER OF THE
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of Michigan,
DETROIT, Mich., January 4th, 1858.

I am to-day in the receipt of a communication form Hon. Wm. B. Hubbard, Grand Master, in which he recognizes the formation of the Grand Commandery of this State, and the Constitution adopted by them, with some few amendments.

I am also notified that it is his intention to be present at a Communication of the Grand Commandery, to be held at Masonic Hall, in this City, on Monday next, the 11th day of January, 1858, at two o'clock P. M.

You will, therefore, take notice that such Communication will be held, and that you are earnestly requested to be present at said time.

Yours, Truly and Fraternally,

THOMAS ANDERSON,

Grand Recorder.

On motion, it was voted that all True and Courteous Knights, residing or sojourning in the city, be invited to visit the Grand Commandery; whereupon a number of Knights took seats in the Asylum.

On motion of Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, E. Grand Generalissimo, the proceedings of the previous assembly were read.

And, on motion, the same was approved.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

MONDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

Grand Commandery met according to adjournment, and was called to order by R. E. Grand Commander.

Hon. William B. Hubbard, Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar, being present, was introduced by R. E. Grand Commander, and was received by the officers and members of the Grand Commandery and the Knights present with the honor and respect due to him officially and personally.

Sir D. C. Jacokes, E. Grand Prelate, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery, the representative of the Valient and Magnanimous Sir Knights of Michigan, tenders to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, its most cordial and heartfelt thanks for his official visit to this Grand Body during its present session.

The Most Eminent Grand Master then addressed the Sir Knights present in an eloquent and instructive manner; after which, being conducted to the Chair, he proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in AMPLE FORM.

The Most Eminent Grand Master, at the request of the Grand Commandery, then proceeded to install the R. E. Grand Commander.

After which, the officers of the Grand Commandery present were installed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Grand Commandery then adjourned until Tuesday evening, at seven o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING—7 o'clock.

Grand Commandery met pursuant to adjournment.

The Most Eminent Grand Master then retired, and the Sir Knights present were formed into line for his inspection.

The Most Eminent Grand Master having returned, and taken the Chair, proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in AMPLE FORM.

The Sir Knights having been inspected and instructed by the Most Eminent Grand Master, he then took his leave.

There being no further business before the Grand Commandery, it was closed in AMPLE FORM, until the regular Annual Convocation, on the first Tuesday in June, A. D. 1858, A. O. 740.

THOMAS ANDERSON,
Grand Recorder.

OFFICERS FOR CURRENT YEAR.

SIR JOHN GILBERT, JR.,

R. E. GRAND COMMANDER,.....DETROIT.

SIR E. D. CONE,

V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER,.....HILLSDALE.

SIR WILLIAM P. INNES,

E. GRAND GENERALISSIMO,.....GRAND RAPIDS.

SIR JAMES DARRAH,

E. GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL,.....MONROE.

REV. SIR D. C. JACOKES,

E. GRAND PRELATE,.....WYANDOTTE.

SIR GEORGE W. WILSON,

E. GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.....LYONS

SIR T. A. FLOWER,

E. GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN,.....PONTIAC.

SIR WILLIAM BARCLAY,

E. GRAND TREASURER,.....DETROIT.

SIR THOMAS ANDERSON,

E. GRAND RECORDER,.....DETROIT.

SIR FRANKLIN FRENCH,

E. GRAND STANDARD BEARER,.....HILLSDALE.

SIR J. M. OLIVER,

E. GRAND SWORD BEARER,.....MONROE.

SIR L. R. ATWATER,

E. GRAND WARDER,.....GRAND RAPIDS.

SIR C. D. HOWARD,

E. GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS,.....DETROIT.

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OF THE REGULAR CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Held on the 1st of June, A. D. 1858, A. O. 740, at 6 o'clock P. M.

The Regular Convocation of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of the State of Michigan, convened at the Asylum of the Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the City of Detroit, as above. Present:

Sir JOHN GILBERT, JR., R. E. Grand Commander.
N. P. JACOBS, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander, *p. t.*
WM. P. INNES, E. Grand Generalissimo.
JAMES DARRAH, E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. D. C. JACOKES, E. Grand Prelate.
BELA COGSHALL, E. Grand Senior Warden, *p. t.*
T. A. FLOWER, E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
J. B. STARING, E. Grand Recorder.
FRANKLIN FRENCH, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. M. OLIVER, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
L. R. ATWATER, E. Grand Warder.
C. D. HOWARD, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers were stationed at the respective posts, and the Grand Commandery opened in AMPLE FORM.

On motion of Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs, reading of minutes of last meeting was dispensed with, the proceedings having been published and now on the Recorder's table for distribution.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Sir Knights Innes, Flower, and Dickinson, was appointed to examine credentials of delegates to this Convocation, who reported the following Sir Knights as entitled to seats in this Grand Body, as Representatives of their respective Commanderies:

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

N. P. Jacobs, E. C.

Czar Jones, G.

S. B. Morse, C. G.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

F. Darrow, E. C., and proxy for C

H. C. Thurber, C. G.

B. Cogshall, P. C.

J. B. Mathews, P. C.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

C. J. Dickinson, E. C.

H. T. Farnham, G.

E. G. Dilla, C. G.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 4—

W. L. Greenly, proxy for E. C.

—. Stevens, proxy for G.

—. Strong, proxy for C. G.

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion, it was voted that all true and courteous Sir Knights, residing or sojourning in the city, be invited to visit the Grand Commandery during its session, whereupon a number of Sir Knights took seats in the Asylum.

The R. E. Grand Commander then read the following address:

SIR KNIGHTS—We are again permitted to assemble together to offer up our prayers and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the manifold blessings which we have received at His hands, and to again deliberate upon the wants and prosperity of our Order.

Our meeting here, to deliberate upon matters of such interest, is no light and unimportant affair to the Sir Knights of Michigan. Every Knight in this jurisdiction is looking with great interest to the action

of this Grand Body; and it is due to them, as well as to ourselves, that here should prevail that love, peace and harmony which should ever characterize the members of our Order. Let our deliberations be governed by *wisdom* and *moderation*, that our acts may be such as will subserve the high purposes for which we are assembled.

It is pleasant to look around us and see our Order represented here to-day, from every section of our State. We are kneeling around our common altar, men of almost every profession in life, and of every age; the young, the middle aged, and the veteran whose head is silvered o'er with the frosts of many winters spent in the service of Masonry. And it is by no means an unimportant feature to see so many ministers of the gospel--those professed servants of our blest Emanuel—thus showing to the world that our motto of "*Magna est veritas et prevalibit*," is no idle boast.

It is but a few years since Templar Masonry was a thing almost unknown in Michigan.

The first Commandery was organized in the city of Detroit, on the 8th day of January, 1851, at which time I have been informed, nearly every Sir Knight in the State was obliged to be present, to make the required number to open a Commandery.

It was organized under a Dispensation issued by the M. E. G. Master of the United States, dated November 1, 1850, to Sir Knight E. Smith Lee, as their G. C., to Sir Knight J. B. Grayson, as their G. G., and to the Sir Knights associated with them, to form and open in the City of Detroit, an Encampment of Knights Templar, and its appendant orders, under the name and style of Detroit Encampment, No. 1.

At the following meeting of the G. Grand Encampment of the United States, the Sir Knights made such return of their acts under dispensation, that they received a charter from said Grand Body, and again elected Sir Knight E. Smith Lee as their Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Lee has been called from his labors here, to another, and we trust, a better world. To *no* man is Masonry in Michigan more indebted than to him. He was ever found ready to step forth in the cause of truth and justice, and liberally spend his time and means to impart that light to others, with which he was so liberally endowed.

As Templars, we shall ever cherish a grateful remembrance of his virtues, both as a man and a Mason.

Sir Knight J. B. Grayson, their next Grand Commander, I have

recently learned, is now zealously laboring in a distant part of the country for the good of the cause.

May his success be equal to his knightly zeal, as a more valient and magnanimous Knight never drew sword.

Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, received dispensation from the Grand Encampment of the United States, March 25th, 1852; a charter was granted them October 27th, 1853; and it affords me pleasure to hear so good a report from this Commandery, as they now present of their work; and we feel assured that by her, the *good* of our Order will ever be kept in view.

Eureka Commandery, No. 3, at Hillsdale, Sir Knight Elias D. Cone, our present E. Dep. Grand Commander, being its first Grand Commander, was opened on the 16th day of March, 1854, by Sir Knight John B. Grayson, Commander of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, acting as proxy of the M. E. Grand Commander of the United States, assisted by our much beloved and departed friend and brother, Sir Knight J. Moors, and others.

On the 12th of December, 1856, I had the honor of acting as proxy for the M. E. Grand Master to open said Commandery under its charter, and install its officers. And it affords me pleasure to learn from the report of their recorder, that under the knightly and efficious management of Sir Knight Cone and his successors, it has been steadily advancing the interest and honor of the Order in that part of our jurisdiction.

Monroe Commandery, No. 4, was opened under dispensation, May the 5th, 1856, by your Grand Commander acting as proxy for M. E. Grand Master, assisted by Sir Knights Blanchard, Roberts, and others. On the 12th day of January, I also had the honor of installing Sir Knight James Darrah, our present E. G. C. G., as its first Grand Commander. We also hear a good report of this Commandery; that every Sir Knight is at his post; within her asylum strict discipline is maintained, and all her avenues kept strongly guarded.

De Molay Commandery, No. 5, received dispensation from G. M. Hubbard, May 9th, 1856, and was opened in due form in June following, by your Grand Master acting as proxy for M. E. Grand Master, assisted by other Sir Knights from abroad. They received their charter from the Grand Encampment, September 10th, 1856, and their officers were installed on the 11th November, 1856, by P. C. Rev. F. H. Cummings, acting as proxy for Grand Master Hubbard. We are gratified

to learn that *this* Commandery is doing a good work, and that that harmony which should ever characterize those who seek the good of our Order, reigns supreme within her asylum.

A Convention was called by the Grand Commandery's Officers of all the before named Commanderies, to meet at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, on the 15th day of January, 1857, to take steps to form a State Grand Commandery, upon the receipt of the necessary powers from the M. E. Grand Master of the U. S.

On the 7th of April, 1857, representatives of all the above Commanderies, met pursuant to call at the said Asylum, in Detroit, and by the authority of a warrant issued by the M. E. Grand Master, Sir Knight W. P. Hubbard, dated at Columbus, Ohio, February 12th, 1857, formed and opened a State Grand Commandery, elected its officers and transacted such other business as was deemed necessary and proper. Commandery then closed in due form until the first Tuesday in June next, unless otherwise ordered.

The Commandery was again called together by the Grand Commander on the 11th day of January, 1858, when the Commandery was opened and its officers installed by the M. E. Grand Master, Sir W. B. Hubbard, in person. The Grand Commandery then listened with much interest to the very elegant and instructive remarks of the M. E., showing the deep interest and solicitude he has in the prosperity and happiness of the Order. Commandery then closed in due form until the first Tuesday in June, 1858.

SIR KNIGHTS:—During my term of office, I have granted Letters of Dispensation upon the petition of the requisite number of Sir Knights, duly recommended by the nearest Commandery, to

Sir Knight JOHN CLARK, as 1st G. C.
" " S. B. BROWN, as 1st G. G.
" " EDGAR WHITE, as 1st C. G.

And their associates, to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar and its appendant orders, at the City of Clair, Michigan, under the name and style of St. Clair Commandery, No. 6; also to

Sir Knight A. B. AYRES, as 1st G. C.
" " CHAS. TERRY, as 1st G. G.
" " H. M. CASE, as 1st C. G.

And the Sir Knights associated with them to form and open a Com-

mandery of Knights Templar, and its appendant orders, at Romeo, Michigan, under the name and style of Romeo Commandery, No. 7.

From Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs, Grand Commander of Detroit Commandery, I learn that said Commanderies have been opened under such favorable auspices as to warrant me a hope that the Dispensations will be returned to your Honorable Body, accompanied with such reports as will entitle them to charters.

I have also received a petition in due form from Sir Knights R. S. Cheney, and others, of Jackson, recommended by Eureka Commandery, to form a Commandery of Knights Templar, etc., at Jackson, Mich. Said petition contained the names of some of the brightest and best Sir Knights in our State. Among them is that of Sir Knight S. Blanchard, one of the oldest land-marks of Masonry in our land, and one whom every young Mason is proud to take by the hand.

There are also the names of other Sir Knights whom it would give me pleasure to see at the head of a Commandery of Knights Templar, as they would be a guarantee of its being conducted in a most Honorable and Knightly manner.

At the same time I received from Detroit Commandery, No. 1, under the seal of the Commandery, and from Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, signed by the three first officers, resolutions objecting in strong terms, to my granting said Petition, and setting forth what seemed to me good and sufficient reason for my not granting such Petition. I, therefore, felt it my duty to refuse to grant a dispensation, and at the request of Sir Knight Cheney returned to him the fees.

I have also received a petition from D. B. Nichols and other Sir Knights of the City of Detroit, duly recommended by Detroit Commandery, No. 1, accompanied by the usual fee, to form and open a Commandery of Knight Templars, etc., in the City of Detroit, but not deeming another Commandery in Detroit necessary and expedient for the good of the Order, and the time being so short before the meeting of your Honorable Body, I refused to grant said Petition, and now lay the whole matter before you for your action.

And I would call your attention to a circular issued by a Committee appointed by the G. C. of the United States, at its last meeting to consult the Commanderies of the different States in relation to the expediency of raising money to defray the expense of collecting in Europe a History of our Order, subsequent to the death of our Grand Master, James De Molay.

I would also recommend that a careful revision of our Constitution and Regulations be made.

I find that no express provision has been made by your Body, requiring the fees for creating a new Commandery to accompany the petition, although I have made it an invariable rule to demand it paid into the hands of your Treasurer, before granting a dispensation. As the best manner of securing a uniformity of work within our jurisdiction, I would recommend the election of a Grand Instructor, whose duty it shall be to visit each Commandery at least twice a year, and perform such other duties as you in your wisdom may deem necessary.

I feel that it would be gratifying to every Sir Knight present, could I close my remarks by assuring you that peace and harmony prevail throughout our jurisdiction; that during the past year nothing has transpired to disturb that universal harmony, which has so long characterized our Order.

I presume it is well known to every Sir Knight present, that unfortunate differences have arisen between the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan, and the G. G. High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in relation to a subordinate Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Michigan; and I had vainly hoped that it would be left to those Grand Bodies to settle their difficulties; but such, unfortunately, is not the case.

I have received from several Sir Knights, late of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, notice of an appeal taken from the action of said Commandery, No. 1, in the case of the expulsion of said Knights from Detroit Commandery, for causes alleged to have arisen out of said difficulties. Among those Sir Knights are some who have been the most active and prominent members of Detroit Commandery.

I now lay the whole matter before you, not doubting but that they will receive that justice which is due to every Sir Knight at your hands.

The office of Grand Recorder having become vacant, in consequence of the removal of the Grand Recorder from this jurisdiction, I have appointed Sir Knight J. B. Staring, to fill such vacancy, and he has been duly installed as Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery.

And now, Sir Knights, when we look back over the broad vista of the past, and view our lives from the high pinnacle of a Knight Templar, do we not see many things to condemn? Do we not feel that we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and that we

have left undone those things which we ought to have done? Do we remember that while it is our duty to diffuse the sublime principles of our Order, to defend and protect the destitute, helpless, and innocent, it is also our duty to recognize every Sir Knight a *Brother*, whose interest and happiness it should ever be our aim to protect? Do we feel while kneeling around our sacred altar to offer up our prayers to Almighty God, that we have practiced that greatest of Masonic virtues, Charity? That when our labors on earth shall end we shall have a reasonable hope to be admitted into that asylum where the Grand Master of the Universe presides.

The present session closes my official relations with you. In retiring, permit me to offer you my sincere thanks for your partiality in choosing me to fill the honorable and responsible office of Grand Commander. I assure you it was with feelings of distrust as to my ability to fulfill its various duties that I accepted the office.

If I have succeeded to your satisfaction, it is a sufficient reward.

In conclusion, permit me to bid you an affectionate farewell. And may that God who rules the destinies of Knights Templar, be and remain with you always.

On motion of Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs, that part of the address of the R. E. G. C., relating to granting a dispensation to Romeo Commandery, and St. Clair Commandery, was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations; that part relating to the appeal of H. S. Roberts, Allyn Weston and G. B. Ensworth, from the action of the Detroit Commandery in their expulsion, to Committee on Grievances, and the remainder to the Committee on Unfinished Business.

The R. E. G. C. then appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

F. Darrow,

N. P. Jacobs.

L. R. Atwater.

ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS—

A. C. Baldwin.

C. J. Dickinson.

Wm. Barclay.

On Finance—

B. Cogshall.

Wm. P. Innes.

J. M. Oliver.

On Unfinished Business—

A. B. Mathews.

J. Darrah.

L. R. Atwater.

On Grievances—

F. Darrow.

Wm. P. Innes.

Wm. Barclay.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—

N. P. Jacobs.

S. B. Morse.

T. A. Flower.

On Foreign Correspondence—

Recorder.

Wm. P. Innes.

Czar Jones.

On Returns—

Recorder.

F. Darrow.

L. R. Atwater.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the R. E. G. Commander's address as relates to the granting of Dispensations by him to open Commanderies at St. Clair, as St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, and at Romeo, as Romeo Commandery, No. 6, made the following report:

"That they have had said dispensation under consideration, have examined the same, also the records of the work in said several Commanderies, and finding it in accordance with the rules and regulations of our Order, would therefore recommend that charters be granted to said Commanderies, and their Officers be admitted to seats as members of this Grand Commandery."

Which report was accepted and adopted; whereupon, J. Clark, E. C.,

R. J. Jenks, proxy for G., and C. S. Mott, proxy for C. G., of St Clair Commandery; and W. P. Beach, proxy for E. C., and R. Eldridge, proxy for G. and C. G., of Romeo Commandery, presented their credentials, and were admitted to seats as members of this Grand Body.

The Grand Commandery then proceeded to elect its officers for the ensuing year; Sir Knights James Darrah and J. B. Staring were appointed tellers.

Sir N. P. Jacobs, of Detroit, was elected R. E. Grand Commander.

Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, was elected V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.

Frank Darrow, Pontiac, was elected E. Grand Generalissimo.

T. A. Flower, Pontiac, was elected E. Grand Captain General.

Rev. D. C. Jacokes, Trenton, was elected E. Grand Prelate.

L. R. Atwater, Grand Rapids, was elected E. Grand Senior Warden.

John Clark, St. Clair, was elected E. Grand Junior Warden.

Wm. Barclay, Detroit, was elected E. Grand Treasurer.

G. W. Wilson, Lyons, was elected E. Grand Recorder.

A. B. Ayres, Romeo, was elected E. Grand Standard Bearer.

A. C. Baldwin, Pontiac, was elected E. Grand Sword Bearer.

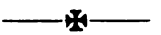
F. M. Case, Romeo, was elected E. Grand Warder.

C. D. Howard, Detroit, was elected E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Sir Knight Barclay asked to be excused from serving on Committee on Grievances, which was granted, and Sir Knight Eldridge was appointed in his place.

Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs was then presented and duly installed as R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, for the ensuing year.

Grand Commandery then adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Grand Commandery met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander.

L. R. Atwater, G., and Isaac Leonard, C. G., and proxy for E. C., of De Molay Commandery, No. 5, presented their credentials, and were admitted to seats as members of this Grand Commandery.

The officers elect were then presented and duly installed.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following amendments to the Constitu

tion, which were unanimously adopted: To amend section 3, of article 6, by striking out the words *three-fourths*, in the second line, and inserting *two-thirds*, instead. Also, section 4, of article 1, by striking out *all* after the word *jurisdiction*, in the eighth line.

Sir Knight Darrow offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Grand Instructor be elected by this Grand Commandery. That it be his duty to visit each Commandery in the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, twice in each year, at such time as may be convenient to him, between the first days of October and April, and to instruct the several Commanderies in the ancient work of our Order. And that each Commandery be directed to receive said Grand Instructor, with due honor, in their several Asylums, and to conform their work strictly to that set forth and explained by him. That for the performance of the above duties the said Grand Instructor shall receive as compensation the sum of two dollars per day and his expenses, while necessarily employed.

Sir Knight Bela Cogshall was unanimously elected Grand Instructor.

Sir Knight Jones offered the following:

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Commandery, that in the month of March last past, an article appeared in a paper *purporting* to be a *Masonic Journal*, called "*The Ashlar*," published within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, which said article was headed "Unwarranted Exercise of Power," and in which was published to the world, the private transactions of a subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction, in a delicate and important case of discipline, purporting to give the names of individual Sir Knights, and their words spoken on that important occasion, and giving a *false* coloring and shading to the whole matter;

AND, WHEREAS, The publishing of said article was not authorized by any Commandery or officer in this jurisdiction, but on the contrary, was unauthorized and a palpable violation of the rules and usages of our Order, and calculated to prejudice the minds of the Sir Knights and companions, who are uninformed in regard to the matter therein set forth; therefore

Resolved, That the above mentioned publication calls for the censure of this Grand Body; that the publishing of any part of the transactions of *this* or any *subordinate* Commandery, without authority, is an offence subject to knightly discipline.

On motion of Sir Knight Innes, the preamble and resolution were adopted, and ordered placed on file and published in the proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Jones, from the Committee on Amendments, made a report, which report was accepted, and, on motion, the amendments to the Statutes of this Grand Commandery, and the rules and regulations, to be adopted by subordinate Commanderies, as reported and amended, were *unanimously* adopted.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the blanks in the By-Laws adopted by the State Grand Commandery, for the government of subordinate Commanderies, be filled as the same Commandery may vote, at any of their regular meetings.

Which resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That all the Commanderies throughout this jurisdiction who have not held their annual election on the day provided by the Constitution of this State Grand Commandery, shall hold such election at the regular meeting in July.

Adopted.

Resolved, That De Molay Commandery, held at Grand Rapids, be hereafter known and designated as De Molay Commandery, No. 5, and be so recorded on the Rolls of this State Grand Commandery. Also, that Monroe Commandery, held at Monroe, be hereafter known and designated as Monroe Commandery, No. 4, and be so recorded on the Rolls of this State Grand Commandery.

Adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to have printed three hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Body, together with the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by this Grand Commandery at its present Convocation, and that each Grand Officer be entitled to three copies, and that each representative be entitled to one copy; and that each subordinate Commandery be entitled to six copies for their first officers, Recorder, and use of their Asylum; and that he Grand Commandery be authorized to draw warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for printing the same.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the R. E. G. C. address, relating to the appeal taken by H. S. Roberts, G. B. Ensworth, Allyn Weston, from the action of expulsion by Detroit Commandery, No. 1, made a verbal report; that having had the matter under consideration, beg leave to refer it back to this Grand Body for its action, and would recommend that they be admitted to the Asylum and

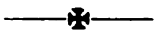
heard in their defense, and that it be made the special order for 7 o'clock this evening; which report was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight Jacokes moved to reconsider the vote adopting the Constitution as amended, which motion prevailed.

Sir Knight Greenly moved to amend section eleven, by inserting after the words "General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States," the words "Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan," which motion was lost.

The Constitution was then adopted as a whole, by a vote of 19 to 1.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 6:30 o'clock this evening.



WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6:30 o'clock.

Commandery duly opened.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter all returns shall be made to the Grand Recorder, and fees paid in, before delegates be allowed to take their seats in this Grand Body.

The hour for the special order having arrived, H. S. Roberts, G. B. Ensworth and Allyn Weston, being in waiting, were admitted within the Asylum, and spoke at some length, in their defense, and were followed in their remarks by Sir Knights Eldridge, Greenly, Clark, and Jones. Sir Knight Ayres moved that the matter be laid upon the table, until our next annual Convocation, which motion prevailed by a vote of 18 to 8. Sir Knight Eldridge moved a reconsideration, which motion was laid upon the table.

Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported that the petition of R. S. Cheney and others, for Charter to form a Commandery at Jackson, had been withdrawn, which report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight E. D. Cone, the Grand Recorder was instructed to notify the several Commanderies of the day provided by this Grand Body for the election of officers, by the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Treasurer made the following report: That since our last Annual Convocation, there has been paid into the hands of your Treasurer, the following sums, to-wit:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1858.	January 11, De Molay Commandery, Grand Rapids	$ 5 00
1858.	January 11, Monroe Commandery, Monroe	5 00
1858.	January 11, Detroit Commandery, Detroit	5 00
1858.	January 12, Eureka Commandery, Hillsdale	5 00
1858.	January 12, Pontiac Commandery, Pontiac	5 00
1858.	April 23, Romeo Commandery, Romeo	100 00
1858.	April 27, St. Clair Commandery, St. Clair	100 00
1858.	May 8, Gilman Commandery, Detroit	100 00
	Total	$325 00

CONTRA.

January 12, 1858. By am't paid Grand Master, W. B. Hubbard, per order	25 00
Leaving a balance on hand of	$300 00

Which report was accepted and referred to Finance Committee.

Grand Commandery then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning

THURSDAY MORNING—9 o'clock.

Commandery duly opened.

Finance Committee reported sundry bills: for seal of this Grand Commandery, $14 00; Printing, $70 47, correct; which report was accepted and adopted, and the R. E. G. C. authorized to draw a warrant for the amount.

Finance Committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and found the same correct, leaving a balance of $300 in hands of the Treasurer. Report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the R. E. G. C. was authorized to draw warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for $100 in favor of petitioners for Gilman Commandery, being amount paid by them into the hands of the Grand Treasurer for Dispensation, the same having been refused by the Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That $10 be paid the fiscal agent of Monroe Chapter, No. 1, for incidental expenses, incurred this session of our Grand Commandery.

Adopted.

Sir Knight Atwater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due, and the same are hereby tendered to Monroe Chapter, No. 1, for the free use of their hall during this session of our Grand Commandery. And that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the officers of said Monroe Chapter.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Innes, a committee of three, consisting of the Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Recorder, was appointed to superintend the printing of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Eldridge offered the following:

WHEREAS, On the 15th day of January, 1857, Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Pontiac, Commandery, No. 2, Eureka Commandery, No. 3, and Peninsular Commandery No. 4, with Nos. 5 and 6, united in a call for a Convention, to be held in the city of Detroit, at the hall of the Detroit Commandery, No. 1, for the purpose of forming a Grand Commandery;

AND WHEREAS, Agreeable to said call, the said Commanderies met on the said 15th day of January, A. D. 1857, when Peninsular Commandery took a part in the proceedings of said convention when the preliminary proceedings were had to form a Grand Commandery.

WHEREAS, On the 12th day of February, A. D. 1857, Wm. B. Hubbard, Grand Master, gave authority and empowered Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, with Nos. 3, 5 and 6, to open and form the State Grand Commandery in and for the State of Michigan, subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

WHEREAS, On the 7th day of April, 1857, said convention assembled pursuant to due notice, and there appeared Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, and Eureka Commandery No. 3, and De Molay Commandery, No. 6. The warrant of Grand Master Hubbard was read, and the Communication from Peninsular Commandery, found on page No. 10, of the printed proceedings of said Convention, that Peninsular Commandery had decided to remain subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

WHEREAS, Said Peninsular Commandery, at the present Communication of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, have neglected and refused to make any report, and to present the credentials of her delegates to this Grand Body;

AND WHEREAS, The action of said Peninsular Commandery tends to provoke discord and rebellion in this jurisdiction; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Commandery that it has *exclusive* jurisdiction of all the Commanderies in the State of Michigan, according to section

4, of article 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States,

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to examine and investigate the situation, standing and work of the so-called Peninsular Commandery, located at the village of Kalamazoo, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, and report their action to the R. E. Grand Commander, at any time during the recess of this Grand Body.

And be it further Resolved, That upon receiving the report of said Committee, the Grand Commander be, and he is in his discretion hereby authorized and required to demand their charter, unless said Peninsular Commandery in due form signify their intention to act as subordinate to this Grand Commandery.

Which preamble and resolutions were adopted, and Sir Knights Eldridge, Darrah and Clark, were appointed such committee.

Sir Knight Flower offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery adopt the work promulgated by the late Eminent E. Smith Lee, and that the use of the same be obligatory upon the Subordinate Commanderies in its jurisdiction, subject, however, to the supervision of the R. E. Grand Commander.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

Sir Knight Darrow moved to have the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States printed with the Constitution, By-Laws and Proceedings of this Grand Body, which motion prevailed.

Sir Knight Barclay offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are hereby tendered to our late R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight John Gilbert, Jr., for the courteous manner in which he has presided the past year over our Order, and that a Committee of three be appointed to procure a Knights' Templar Jewel, adapted to his rank, and present the same to him in token of our friendship and esteem.

The Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights Barclay, Jones, and the Recorder, as such Committee.

Sir Knight Jones, from a Committee appointed to report to this Grand Body an appropriate tribute of respect to the memory of our departed Brother, Sir Knight E. Smith Lee, offered the following:

Resolved, That in the decease of our venerable Brother and Most Excellent Companion, Sir Knight E. Smith Lee, Past Commander of Detroit Commandery,

No. 1, the Craft has lost one of its brightest jewels, a faithful servant, a just and upright Mason; one who has occupied a larger space in the Councils of the workmen and the hearts of the Fraternity than usually falls to the lot of man—the Brethren and Companions having delighted to honor him with the highest offices in their gift, in all the Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family and relatives, and tender them our condolence.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit a copy of this report to the family of our deceased Companion.

Resolved, That the cordial and sincere thanks of this Grand Commandery of Michigan are hereby tendered to the Eminent Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of Washington Commandery, D. C., for their courtesy extended to us, in taking charge of the funeral ceremonies of our late Brother, and interring with Knightly solemnities, in accordance with the ancient usages of our Order, his mortal remains.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

[L. S.] J. B. STARING,
Grand Recorder.

Thomas Anderson, the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, having been expelled for *gross* unmasonic conduct from Detroit Lodge No. 2, on the 27th of April last, and his name having been stricken from the rolls of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, by direction of its Eminent Grand Commander, it was ordered by the R. E. Grand Commander that his name be struck from the roll of this Grand Commandery as a member thereof.

STATEMENT

OF MONEY RECEIVED DURING THE CONCLAVE OF JUNE, 1858.

Detroit Commandery, No. 1—Dues	$35 00
Detroit Commandery, No. 1—For Charter	10 00
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2—Dues	23 00
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2—For Charter	10 00
Eureka Commandery, No. 3—Dues	42 00
Monroe Commandery, No. 4—Dues	13 00
Monroe Commandery, No. 4—For Charter	10 00
De Molay Commandery, No. 5—Dues	14 00
De Molay Commandery, No. 5—For Charter	10 00
Total	$167 00

PAY ROLL

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN, AT ITS ANNUAL SESSION, JUNE, 1858.

GRAND OFFICERS.	RESIDENCES.	No. of Miles	Mileage.	No. of Days Attendance	Per Diem.	Total.	REMARKS.
R. E. Grand Commander	Detroit			3	6 00	6 00	
V. E. Dep. Grand Commander	Hillsdale	111	6 66	3	6 00	12 66	
E. Grand Generalissimo	Gr'd Rapids	160	9 60	3	6 00	15 60	
E. Grand Captain General	Monroe	41	2 46	3	6 00	8 46	
E. Grand Prelate	Trenton			3	6 00	6 00	
E. Grand Senior Warden	Lyons						Not present.
E. Grand Junior Warden	Pontiac	26	1 56	3	6 00	7 56	
E. Grand Treasurer	Detroit			3	6 00	6 00	
E. Grand Recorder	Detroit			3	6 00	6 00	
E. Grand Standard Bearer	Hillsdale	111	6 66	3	6 00	12 66	
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Monroe	41	2 46	3	6 00	8 46	
E. Grand Warder	Gr'd Rapids	160	9 60	3	6 00	15 60	
E. Captain of Guards	Detroit			3	6 00	6 00	
COMMANDERIES.	Where Held.						
Detroit Commandery, No. 1	Detroit			3	6 00	6 00	
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	Pontiac	26	1 56	3	6 00	7 56	
Eureka Commandery, No. 3	Hillsdale	111	6 66	3	6 00	12 66	
Monroe Commandery, No. 4	Monroe	41	2 46	3	6 00	8 46	
De Molay Commandery, No. 5	Gr'd Rapids	160	9 60	3	6 00	15 60	

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OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

Held at Detroit, June 8th and 9th, A. D. 1859, A. O. 741.

The Regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, convened at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the City of Detroit, on Tuesday, the 7th day of June, A. D. 1859, A. O. 741, at 6 P. M. Present:

Sir N. P. Jacobs, Detroit, R E. G. Commander.
Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
Frank Darrow, Pontiac, E. G. Generalissimo.
T. A. Flower, Pontiac, E. G. Captain General.
Rev. D. C. Jacokes, Trenton, E. G. Prelate.
L. R. Atwater, Grand Rapids, E. G. Senior Warden.
J. Clark, St. Clair, E. G. Junior Warden.
Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. G. Treasurer.
Geo. W. Wilson, Ionia, E. G. Recorder.
A. B. Ayres, Romeo, E. G. Standard Bearer.
H. M. Case, Romeo, E. G. Warder.
Chas. D. Howard, Detroit, E. G. Captain of Guards.

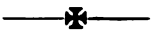
The Grand Officers were stationed at their respective posts, and the Grand Commandery opened in ample form.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Sir Knights Innes, Ayres and Tracey, was appointed to examine the credentials of delegates to this Conclave.

On motion of Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, all True and Courteous Sir Knights were invited to visit the Grand Commandery during its session.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, they having been published and distributed.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned till nine o'clock Wednesday morning.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 8th—9 o'clock.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following Sir Knights entitled to seats in this Grand Body, as the representatives of their respective Commanderies.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

Chas. S. Mott, proxy for E. C.

D. B. Nichols, G.

J. J. Rhodes, C. G.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

Frank Darrow, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

Richard Rowe, E. C.

C. H. Putnam, proxy for G.

Jesse Maxon, C. G.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 4—

Wm. L. Greenly, E. C.

D. B. Tracey, G.

Thomas Norman, C. G.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

E. D. Benedict, E. C., and and proxy for G. and C. G.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Robert H. Jenks, proxy for E. C. and G.

Edward Fishpool, proxy for C. G.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 7—

Robert P. Eldridge, proxy for E. C. G., and C. G.

Which report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered the following Address:

SIR KNIGHTS:—Since our last Annual Communication, scarcely anything has occurred in this jurisdiction, worthy at this time of being brought before you. Peace has prevailed within our borders, and the progress of our Order, if not rapid, has been firmly and steadily onward.

The financial depression still existing in this State has prevented, in many of our Commanderies, any very great increase of their numbers. This is not to be regretted, if the time unoccupied has been suitably improved by the several Commanderies in disciplining their members, and instructing them in the tenets of that faith, which, by letter and tradition, has come down to us from our Ancient Grand Masters. To those tenets, in all the simplicity of their beauty and the majesty of their truth, may we ever strictly conform.

But little business of an executive nature has been performed by me during the past year. The single exception of granting a Dispensation, authorizing the removal of the Commandery at St. Clair to the City of Port Huron, has been the extent of the exercise by me, of the powers with which, under the Constitution, I am vested.

Until within the last three weeks no official information has been communicated to me as to the determination of Peninsular Commandery, at Kalamazoo, in reference to the Resolutions adopted by the Grand Commandery at its last session. I have consequently deferred action upon the Report of the committee then appointed, and refer that Report, with the Resolutions adopted by Peninsular Commandery, to you, for consideration. The grounds assumed in these Resolutions are untenable, their expressions uncourteous and disrespectful; not for a moment can it be allowed that that, or any other Subordinate, is, or can be, the peer of a Grand Body. The jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery is co-extensive with the limits of the State; and within that jurisdiction no independent body of Knights Templar can be permitted to exist. Upon you will rest the responsibility of so determining that the prerogative of this Grand Body shall not be infringed, and the rights of Peninsular Commandery, if any it has, be preserved.

To the able report on Foreign Correspondence, emanating from the Sir Knight Recorder, and in which I fully concur, I refer you for a lucid description of the condition of the Order throughout the Republic. Is it assuming too much, to hope that this Grand Body will, in regard to all matters appertaining to the Grand Encampment, take the same conservative and loyal position occupied by our Brethren of

Maine, Vermont, and Pennsylvania, that when your representatives go up to the Grand Encampment, in September, they shall do so under instructions to preserve, in all its pristine purity and strength, the integrity of that Body.

The death of several Sir Knights within the last few months, and amongst others the late Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Cone, of which, I presume, you will take suitable notice, has impressed upon me the necessity of adopting a Burial service pertinent to such occasions. I would suggest to you the formation of a committee for that purpose, with the power to collate from, or adopt, the impressive and beautiful service now in use, under authority of the Grand Commandery of New York, in that State.

With the wish, Sir Knights, that your deliberations may be conducive to the welfare and harmony of the Order, I most respectfully submit the foregoing to your consideration.

On motion of Sir Knight F. Darrow, the address of the R. E. Grand Commander was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Sir Knights Darrow, Eldridge, and Ayres.

The R. E. Grand Commander then appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Dispensations and Charters—

Sir Knights F. Darrow.
D. B. Tracey.
R. H. Jenks.

On Doings of Grand Officers—

Sir Knights R. P. Eldridge.
L. R. Atwater.
Richard Rowe.

On Finance—

Sir Knights W. P. Innes.
C. S. Mott.
E. D. Benedict.

On Unfinished Business—

Sir Knights John Clark.
W. P. Innes.
D. B. Tracey.

ON GRIEVANCES—

Sir Knights F. Darrow.
R. P. Eldridge.
R. H. Jenks.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

Sir Knights T. A. Flower.
John Clark.
C. H. Putnam.

ON RETURNS—

Sir Knights A. B. Ayres.
W. L. Greenly.
D. B. Nichols.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Sir Knights Geo. W. Wilson.
E. Fishpool.
J. J. Rhodes.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence then made the following report:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that they have received the proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies, to-wit:

INDIANA—Indianapolis, December 2, A. D. 1857. R. E. Ephraim Colestock, Grand Commander, Indianapolis; E. Francis King, Grand Recorder, Indianapolis.

MAINE—Portland, May 4, A. D. 1858. R. E. Freeman Bradford, Grand Commander, Portland; E. Ira Berry, Grand Recorder, Portland.

NEW YORK—Buffalo, September 8, A. D. 1857. R. E. Le Roy Farnham, Grand Commander, Buffalo; E. Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder, New York.

PENNSYLVANIA—Philadelphia, June 22, A. D. 1858. R. E. A. Jordan Swartz, Grand Commander, Reading; E. Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder, Washington.

TEXAS—Huntsville, June 22, A. D. 1858. R. E. James Sorley, Grand Commander, Galveston; E Andrew Neil, Grand Recorder, Sequin.

VERMONT—Burlington, January 11, A. D. 1859. R. E. Barzillai

Davenport, Grand Commander, Brandon; E. John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder, Burlington.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE FOR CANADA (under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar in England and Wales)—Kingston, C. W., October 9, A. D. 1855, and December 22, A. D. 1856, and at Toronto, July 16, 1858. V. E. Frater Samuel Bickerton Harmon, Deputy Provincial Grand Commander, Toronto; E. Frater Samuel D. Fowler, Provincial Grand Chancellor, Kingston.

INDIANA.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Communication at the city of Indianapolis, on the 2d day of December, A. D. 1857. Six Commanderies were represented, being a full representation.

Your committee view with sorrow the passage of the following resolution, which we copy, together with the report:

"The select committee to whom was referred the revision of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery, with instructions to report on the propriety of taking steps to abolish the General Grand Encampment, beg leave to report briefly in regard to the latter subject:

"That, in their opinion, the General Grand Encampment was, in the infancy of the Order of the United States, a useful and necessary institution, but that the necessity for such organization no longer exists, and that the interests of Templar Masonry would be consulted by its early dissolution. These views are still further confirmed by the recent attempted aggrandizement of power on the part of the Grand Encampment, in which the independence and sovereignty of the State Commanderies is nearly wholly swallowed up. They would offer for adoption the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the General Grand Encampment is no longer necessary to the usefulness of the Order in the United States, and that our delegates to the next Triennial Session of that Body, be instructed to urge upon it the propriety of taking steps for its early and final dissolution."

There are two hundred and twenty affiliated Sir Knights in this jurisdiction.

MAINE.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave in Portland, the

4th of May, A. D. 1858. Four Subordinate Commanderies were representen.

The R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Joseph C. Stevens, delivered the address, which sparkles with gems of loyalty and conservatism; and, in contradistinction to sentiments breathed by some of our sister Commanderies, is truly refreshing. Your Committee would like to present it entire, but a short extract must suffice. The R. E. Grand Commander says:

"I am sorry to see a disposition on the part of some of our Magnanimous Sir Knights in other States to abolish our General Grand Encampment, or dissolve their allegiance thereto, assigning various reasons, none of which, however, under the exercise of a spirit of true Masonic compromise or Knightly concession, would seem to be of sufficient moment to justify the violation of a compact which every true Knight Templar has solemnly bound himself to support, or even for a moment to allow the contemplation of so important a step as the annihilation of our National Triangle, the destruction of the General Grand Encampment, and dispersion of our Valient Sir Knights—a movement fraught with most momentous consequences to our Order. It is to be hoped, and confidently believed, that no Sir Knight having the best interests of Templarism at heart, and desiring to perpetuate the union and harmony of our Institution throughout the length and breadth of our land, would wish to sever the great fraternal artery which now unites us, and through which rushes the life blood of our Order, flowing from heart to heart, and prompting us to patient perseverance in the path of honor, truth and integrity, and, as a reward for our fidelity, animating us with the hope of a glorious immortality.

"As Knights Templar, we are advancing with an increased prosperity unparalleled in the annals of our history. Our banners now wave to the breeze in every direction. Let this be the signal of our union, rather than disunion; remembering that *united we stand*, and marching onward, shoulder to shoulder, a solid phalanx, with an undiminished force and unbroken front, let us show to the world, as True and Courteous Knights, that harmony and concord we profess, and so befitting the true Soldiers of the Cross."

Your committee also present an extract from the report of the committee on the above mentioned address:

"The committee heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by the Grand Commander in relation to a proposed dissolution of the Grand

Encampment of the United States, or the withdrawal of individual States from their allegiance to it as the supreme head of Templar Masonry in our political confederacy. They would express a hope that they may never live to see the banners of Christian Knighthood waving over a divided jurisdiction."

Your committee, in concluding their review of the very able proceedings of Maine, present the following from the report on Foreign Correspondence:

"We understand the Grand Encampment to be in itself not the creature of the State Grand Commanderies, but their *creator*. Whatever of life or of power these intermediate bodies may possess, they derive from the Grand Encampment, and by virtue of its Constitution; a simple reference to the history of Templar Masonry in this country shows this to be so as a matter of fact. The General Grand Encampment was formed at a convention on the 20th and 21st days of June, A. D. 1816, which consisted of delegates from eight Councils and Encampments (all, we believe, then existing in the country). That original Constitution is printed, accessible to all, and is in all essential things the same with the existing Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

"Under that Constitution, and by its authority, has every Grand Commandery in the United States been formed; formed upon the express pledge given in the petition for the necessary warrant that it would be obedient to its superior and head, the Grand Encampment.

"It appears to us equally clear upon reason and principle that it should be so. The Order of Knights Templar, as originally instituted, had but one head, and knew of no political subdivisions. So should it be now. In the sad and sorrowful history of our Order, since the martyrdom of De Molay, it is no doubt true that, left without a head, the Sir Knights have been compelled to an independence of each other in different countries, but it is no less true that the genius of our Order is truly cosmopolitan. We therefore ask by what sophistry is this contemplated treason to be justified?

"The Grand Encampment can only cease to exist by revolution. We have heard of the right of revolution against political society—never against Masonic. If such right ever exists, it can only be after all Constitutional and legal means have been resorted to in vain; and not then unless upon the most open and apparent violation of the correlative obligation of the superior."

This Grand Commandery has four subordinates and one hundred and forty-eight affiliated Sir Knights.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Commandery held its Forty-Fourth Annual Conclave in the city of Buffalo, on the 8th day of September, A. D. 1857. Twenty subordinate Commanderies were represented.

The R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Le Roy Farnham, delivered a brief, but terse, address, from which your committee quote the following:

"The question has been agitated in some Commanderies, and was urged at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Commandery, of requesting the Grand Encampment of the United States to take into consideration the expediency of so amending the Constitution of the Grand Encampment as to allow the admission to the Orders of all men who should be found worthy, whether they shall have taken the several degrees of speculative Free Masonry or not. The subject was then indefinitely postponed. It may be again urged, when, I trust, it would meet with a similar fate."

The proceedings of this Grand Commandery contain a voluminous and highly interesting account of the presentation of a Patriarchal Cross to M. E. William B. Hubbard, Grand Master; also the address of Sir Rob. Morris; but their great length prevents our giving them more than a passing notice.

This Grand Commandery has twenty-two subordinates, nineteen of which return eight hundred and fifty-four affiliated Sir Knights.

The Grand Commander makes use of the following positive language in relation to the Grand Encampment:

"To sever our allegiance would be an act of revolution, and prove a source of disaster and dismay to ourselves, and encourage and animate our enemies."

In concluding their review of New York, your committee would recommend the perusal of the beautiful burial service compiled by Sir John Lewis, Jr., and attached to their proceedings in the form of an appendix.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Grand Commandery held their Fifth Annual Conclave in the city of Philadelphia, June 22, A. D. 1858. Thirteen subordinates were represented.

The proceedings of the Grand Commandery evince a soundness and conservatism which may well rebuke some of her rebellious sisters.

We present the following extract from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

"Whenever it (the General Grand Encampment) shall 'remove the old landmarks which our fathers have set up,' the end of its usefulness will have come, and the termination of its existence will speedily follow. But your committee submit that that fatal end has not yet come, and is not near. The Grand Encampment may have been guilty of some sins, both of omission and commission, but we have failed to perceive in its reported proceedings any evidence of a capital crime, to be expiated only by the death penalty.

"Your committee think they perceive in the movements of certain Grand Commanderies in reference to the Grand Encampment, *a restlessness under restraint*, an impatience of authority, a hankering after a petty local independence, or impotent individualism, to which your committee are indisposed to administer aid and comfort, either in Church or State, Masonry or Knighthood.

"Before we destroy the work of our fathers, let us pause and consider what will be the probable condition of American Knighthood in a few years, without the restraining and directing influence of a supreme head. Different qualifications for membership would soon be required in different jurisdictions. Some would throw open their Asylums to those who are not Freemasons, while others would perhaps require candidates to be proficient in all the degrees of the Scottish Rite. The work, the regalia, the weapons and the drill would become every year less and less uniform, until the Templars of the different States could no longer recognize one another, and Christian Knighthood, having ceased to be a world-wide or even a national institution, would dwindle into a multitude of local societies, without a common interest, without mutual confidence, aimless, powerless and discordant; all equally free, independent and insignificant, until the Order would be shorn of its glory, and darkness would reign in our Asylums, and dismay in our ranks."

This Grand Commandery has seventeen subordinates, and five hundred and nine affiliated Sir Knights, within her jurisdiction.

TEXAS.

This Grand Commandery held its Fifth Annual Conclave in Huntsville, June 22, A. D. 1858. Six subordinates were represented, being a full representation. Two hundred and seventy affiliated Sir Knights are returned by this Grand Body.

This Grand Commandery is evidently in a vigorous and healthy condition, and there is no evidence of a spirit of insubordination within her jurisdiction.

The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, in his address, refers to the rebellious attitude assumed by the Grand Commandery of Ohio, and recommended the printing and circulation of the address of M. E. Sir William B. Hubbard, Grand Master, throughout the jurisdiction; to which recommendation the committee to whom the address was referred, presented a resolution instructing the Grand Recorder to append the address of the M. E. Grand Master to the Grand Commandery of Ohio to the printed proceedings, which was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in concluding their report, referring to the prosperity of the Order in Texas, use the following language:

"Our State is yet in its infancy, and we have, in many instances, outstepped our sister States in Masonic organizations; but we have as yet no cause to fear for this. Our time-honored institution, and the purity of our Order of Knighthood will be better promoted than any other, from the fact that the distance (100 miles) which Commanderies are situated from each other, under our Constitution precludes the possibility of our votaries being encroached upon by unworthy Sir Knights; for he must be good and true, and an humble but chivalrous advocate of the Christian religion; and so long as we shall hold the doors of our Asylum guarded as they have been, we may expect good and courteous Sir Knights enrolled under our banner."

VERMONT.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave in Burlington, January 11th, A. D. 1859. Four Commanderies were represented.

The R. E. Grand Commander, in his address, deprecates rebellion, and urges firmly upon Sir Knights the necessity of preserving the Grand Encampment, and "trusts that the Grand Commandery of Vermont will be the last to favor a project so detrimental to the interests

of our Order—one so needful in this restless, ambitious world, where there are so many struggling for power."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a comprehensive report of the proceedings of nine State Grand Commanderies.

Your committee make the following beautiful extract from the address of the R. E. Grand Commander:

"The innocent Lamb, the harmless Dove, and the courageous Cock, are several symbols of our Order. The first is emblematic of the Paschal Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world, whose blood cleanseth from all sin. The Dove, of the Almighty Comforter, which descended in a bodily form on our Savior at his baptism, which indicated his Divine mission to St. John the Baptist. The Cock is the Monitor of the Order; as his crowing heralds the morn, so should we, at that still hour, especially call to remembrance our duties as Knights Templar, and ask thus early for assistance to perform them through the coming day. May we ever welcome that sound as a friendly caution, and not have occasion to fear it as a periodical memento of a broken vow!"

This Grand Commandery has four subordinates, and one hundred and eighty affiliated Sir Knights.

PROVISIONAL GRAND CONCLAVE OF MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF CANADA.

We have the proceedings of this Grand Conclave, held in the city of Toronto, July 16, A. D. 1858; also their proceedings of October 9, 1855, and December 22, 1856, in the city of Kingston, C. W.

This Grand Body was formed on the 9th of October, A. D. 1855, by the appointment of Very Eminent Frater William James Bury McLeod Moore, as Provincial Grand Commander for Canada, by the Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master of England, Colonel Charles Kemys Tynte, F. S. A., etc. This Grand Body is one of appointment—the subordinate officers being appointed by the Very Eminent Grand Frater.

The Order of the "Red Cross" is not recognized or conferred in the Commanderies within this jurisdiction; in reference to which we present the following extract from a Circular issued by E. Samuel Deadman Fowler, Provincial Grand Register:

"A candidate [in the United States] then requires to be possessed of

the Order known as "Knights of the Red Cross," or as it is sometimes called, "Knights of the Sword," and to obtain this Order he must have received the preceding degrees of E. A., F. C., M. M., Mark, Past, and M. Ex. Master, and of the Royal Arch. But as the English Royal Arch does not require any Degree between it and the Master Mason, companions cannot be received into a Royal Arch Chapter in the United States without being in possession of those degrees; which the General Grand Chapter of the United States has provided for by authorizing all its subordinate Chapters to recognize all Royal Arch Masons by *healing* them, by giving them the three intercallary degrees. And as by the statutes of the Supreme Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales, a Royal Arch Mason is an eligible candidate for the Order of the Temple without any intermediate degrees, an English Knight Templar cannot be received into the United States Encampments unless possessed of the Orders required by their organizations.

"Therefore, to bring about a proper affiliation between the Knights Templar within the jurisdiction of the United States and that of Canada, the Most Eminent the General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the United States has, under date January 9, A. D. 1856, Columbus, Ohio, intimated to the Very Eminent the Provincial Grand Commander for Canada, that he will grant authority to the Encampments of the United States to confer on Fraters under the English jurisdiction the Order of Knights of the Red Cross, always provided the Frater has complied with the laws of the United States General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, by taking the degrees between the Master Mason and the Royal Arch.

"It therefore becomes necessary, and it is enjoined on all Fraters under the jurisdiction of this Provisional Grand Conclave, that if they wish to visit the Encampments of the United States, they must conform to the rules and statutes of that Supreme Body; and they are hereby authorized to apply to any of the United States subordinate Encampments, and receive the Order of the 'Knights of the Red Cross,' and appendant order or explanatory adjunct to Knights Templar, of 'Knights of Malta;' which latter Order is merged (in the United States) in that of the Temple.

"It is further enjoined that all Knights Templar from regular Encampments in the United States, who may wish to visit Encampments under this jurisdiction, (on conforming to such tests and rules

as may be required,) are to be freely admitted, and received with that courtesy due to Fraters of our Illustrious Order."

Your committee would also present an extract from the address of the Very Eminent Provincial Grand Commander, Sir W. J. B. McLeod Moore, delivered at the Annual Conclave, in Toronto, July 16, 1858:

"In Scotland, the enthusiasm, so much shown a few years back, appears to have in some measure abated. This is to be regretted, as in no other country is it so well understood, or its ceremonies and costume in conformity with ancient usage so closely adhered to. With every share of justice, they lay claim to being *now* the only direct and legitimate branch of the Order in existence since its dispersion after the martyrdom of Jacques de Molai, on the 18th March, A. D. 1313. Documents in possession of the Grand Body, and antiquarian researches into the history of the Order, justly entitle them to this distinction—the repealing the clause in the statutes which, previous to 1844 compelled every Chivalric Templar of Scotland to be a Royal Arch Mason, created some discussion, but after being a short time in force it was revived, and *now every candidate must have taken that degree in Masonry.* This wise decision will no doubt rouse the zeal of the Masonic Body connected with the Order."

The Provincial Grand Commander thus expresses himself in relation to the Order of the Red Cross:

"With reference to the Order of the 'Red Cross,' known in Scotland and Ireland as 'Knights of the Sword,' or 'Babylonish Pass,' and of 'The East,' and 'East and West,' it does not appear to me to be any way requisite to take this degree in Masonry for obtaining admission to the Order of the Temple, although insisted upon in the United States; it has no connection whatever with Knights Templar, a purely Christian rite, and is, indeed, only an adjunct to the Royal Arch, and not recognized in England as a degree of Masonry.

"It would, therefore, be advisable, and add greatly to our more cordial fraternization, if an exception was made in the case of Templars from a foreign jurisdiction who had not taken this degree, by not insisting upon it as a prerequisite for admission to United States Encampments. There certainly appears an inconsistency in obliging an English Templar to *require the aid* of a degree *unknown to him* to obtain *admission to his own Order.*"

In consideration of the close proximity between the Sir Knights of Canada and those of this jurisdiction, your committee have deemed it

advisable to devote considerable space to the proceedings of that Grand Body, more particularly as great discrepancy exists in conferring the Orders, and especially in the non-recognition of the Order of the Red Cross; and your committee would recommend to this Grand Commandery that such action be taken, and measures adopted, which will cement and unite closely the Sir Knights of our sister Grand Body in Canada and those of this jurisdiction; and that the delegates to the Grand Encampment request from that Grand Body such courtesy to them as shall not be subversive of the Ancient Landmarks, or the unity of the Order.

Your committee, in concluding their report, express their regret in having received the proceedings of but six Grand Commanderies, the Grand Recorder having mailed copies of the proceedings of this Grand Commandery to each Grand Commandery in the United States.

Enough, however, has been gleaned from the documents reviewed by your committee to denote a radical and rebellious feeling in Templar Masonry in some sister jurisdictions. Some advocate the crime of matricide, in destroying the author of our existence, the Grand Encampment of the United States. Some are advocating the conferring of the Order of Christian Knighthood upon persons who are not Freemasons. And your committee, believing that some of the members of our Order having mistook the true meaning and spirit of the phrase that "Masonry is a progressive science," would respectfully recommend to this Grand Body that the delegates to the next Triennial Convocation of the Grand Encampment of the United States, be instructed to maintain and support the existence of that General Grand Body, and preserve entire those Ancient Landmarks which our fathers have set up.

Your committee refer with pleasure and gratification to the prosperity of the Order in this, our jurisdiction. We are in the second year of our existence only. Harmony exists within our Asylums, and prosperity within our borders.

Your committee close with the expression of their earnest desire that the Banners of our Order may never wave over a divided jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight F. Darrow, the Report on Foreign Correspondence was accepted and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of Peninsular Commandery, at the last Grand Conclave, made the following report:

In behalf of the committee appointed to carry out the preamble and resolution adopted by the Grand Commandery of Michigan, as offered by Sir Knight Eldridge, at its last regular Conclave, would respectfully report:

In consequence of the ill health of Sir Knight Eldridge, and the hope that he would be able to perform the duty, the visit to Peninsular Commandery was deferred until May 11, 1859. At the opening of said Commandery, the E. C. stated to the Sir Knights the notice he had received from Sir Knight Eldridge, and the object of the committee. I then read the preamble and resolutions above mentioned, with a request that they furnish me a copy of their conclusions, which I herewith submit:

An Asylum of Knights Templar being opened, when Sir Knight Clark, of St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, as a committee on behalf of the State Grand Commandery, made some remarks in relation to this Commandery uniting with the *State Body;* and after hearing him, it drew forth the remarks of the Sir Knights of this Commandery, who unanimously object to attaching themselves to the *State Commandery until that Body shall have approached us in Knightly courtesy*, and extended the hand of goodly fellowship in the spirit of all good and magnanimous Sir Knights.

Sir Knight George D. Rice offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"1. *Resolved*, That we are ever ready to meet all Sir Knights, and bodies of Sir Knights, *who approach with Knightly courtesy, with the spirit becoming all true and magnanimous Sir Knights.*

"2. *Resolved*, That the resolutions adopted by the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, June, 1858, with reference to Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, *are not in accordance with true Knightly courtesy.*

"3. *Resolved, That when threats commence, negotiations should end.*

"4. *Resolved*, That Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, decides to remain for the present subordinate to the General Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

Sir Knight Hunter offered the following:

"That the thanks of the Commandery be tendered to Sir Knight Clark, for his courteous bearing and chivalrous feeling, as manifested towards this Commandery and its members."

Moved and carried, that the Recorder present to Sir Knight Clark a copy of this evening's records, so far as the same appertain to the resolutions and relations of this Commandery with the State Grand Commandery.

In accordance with the last resolution, I herewith transmit a copy of the pro-

ceedings of Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, at a meeting held on Thursday evening, May 12, 1859; and I hereby certify, by affixing my hand, and attaching the seal of said Commandery, that this is a true copy thereof.

[SEAL.] J. ELY KELLOGG, *Recorder.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CLARK.

On motion of Sir Knight Jacokes, the report of Sir Knight Clark was referred to a special committee consisting of Sir Knights Jacokes, Eldridge and Innes.

Sir Knight William P. Innes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the St. Clair Commandery be authorized to hold their meetings hereafter at Port Huron, agreeably to dispensation granted them by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight William P. Innes offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have ably alluded to the sustaining of the General Grand Encampment of the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That the delegates to the next Triennial Convocation of the G. G. Encampment of the United States be instructed to maintain and support the existence of that General Grand Body, and preserve entire those "Ancient Landmarks which our fathers have set up."

A petition from Sir Knight Benjamin Porter, Jr., and others, of Jackson, for a dispensation for a Commandery at that place, was received, and referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations, who reported adversely to granting the same; and the Grand Recorder was instructed to notify them of the same.

Sir Knight F. Darrow offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Body relating to Grand Instructor be rescinded, and refer that subject to the R. E. Grand Commander, as per Constitution.

Sir Knight William P. Innes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Commander be instructed to have printed 300 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Body, together with the Constitution and By Laws, and the Burial Service recommended by the R. E. Grand Commander, and that each Grand Officer be entitled to three copies, and each representative to one copy, and each subordinate Commandery be entitled to six copies; and that the R. E. Grand Commander be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for printing the same.

Sir Knight T. A. Flower offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be, and they are hereby, tendered to Monroe Chapter, No. 1, for the use of this hall during the present session.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, made the following report:

That that portion of the address which refers to the decease of eminent Sir Knights within this jurisdiction the past year, especially to the late Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Cone, be referred to a special committee of three.

That that portion of it which refers to Peninsular Commandery be also referred to a special committee of three.

Your committee would also recommend that the Burial Service which has been adopted by the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, be also adopted by this Grand Commandery.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. DARROW,
R. P. ELDRIDGE,
A. B. AYRES.

The account of Sir John Clark, for $14.80, for expenses incurred as one of the committee appointed to visit Peninsular Commandery, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance, who reported the same correct; and it was allowed, and a warrant ordered drawn.

The special committee, to whom was referred the report of the special committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Body, to visit Peninsular Commandery, at Kalamazoo, made the following report:

That inasmuch as all the proceedings relative to Peninsular Commandery appear upon the records, and are within the knowledge of the Sir Knights present, they deem a lengthy report unnecessary.

That, in the opinion of this committee, there is but one course for this Grand Body to pursue in the premises. They would therefore respectfully recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be, and he is hereby instructed to demand of said Peninsular Commandery their charter, and disband said Commandery.

Resolved, That all knightly courtesy between Sir Knights of this State who acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, and the Sir Knights of the said Peninsular Commandery, be, and the same is hereby interdicted.

Resolved, That the resolutions on page 16 of proceedings of last Conclave be reported back by this committee, and published in this context. [See page 29.]

D. C. JACOKES,
R. P. ELDRIDGE,
WM. P. INNES.

Which report was accepted, and then unanimously adopted.

The Grand Commandery then proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year; and Sir Richard Rowe and A. B. Ayres were appointed tellers.

The following Knights were duly elected:

Sir N. P. Jacobs, Detroit, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir Frank Darrow, Pontiac, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir J. Clark, St. Clair, E. Grand Captain General.

Sir Rev. D. S. Lumsden, Ann Arbor, E. Grand Prelate.

Sir L. R. Atwater, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir T. A. Flower, Pontiac, E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir Geo. W. Wilson, Ionia, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir A. B. Ayres, Romeo, E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir R. P. Eldridge, Romeo, E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir H. M. Case, Romeo, E. Grand Warder.

Sir Chas. D. Howard, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed by the R. E. Grand Commander.

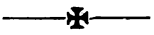
Sir Knight William P. Innes then offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, At our last Grand Conclave the appeal of Sir Knights H. S. Roberts and George B. Ensworth was, upon motion, laid upon the table until this Grand Conclave; and

WHEREAS, The said Sir Knights have failed to appear before this Grand Body at this session; therefore,

Resolved, That the whole subject matter be laid over until our next Annual Conclave.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.



2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander.

On motion of Sir Knight W. P. Innes, Sir Knight Richard Rowe was appointed chairman of special Committee on Decease of Past V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir E. D. Cone.

Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as relates to the Order of Knights Templar in Canada, be referred to a committee of three, of which the R. E. Grand Commander be chairman, to take such action as they may think proper in regard to the same, and properly to bring the whole subject before the Grand Encampment, at its next session, should they find it expedient so to do.

Which resolution was received, and referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights Wm. P. Innes and F. Darrow.

The Grand Recorder then presented the following report, for moneys received and paid out at Grand Conclave, June 1, 1858:

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

Received from Detroit Commandery, No. 1	—Dues	$35 00	
	—Charter	10 00	$45 00
Received from Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	—Dues	23 00	
	—Charter	10 00	33 00
Received from Eureka Commandery, No. 3	—Dues	42 00	42 00
Received from Monroe Commandery, No. 4	—Dues	13 00	
	—Charter	10 00	23 00
Received from De Molay Commandery, No. 5	—Dues	14 00	
	—Charter	10 00	24 00
Total			$167 00

CONTRA—CR.

Paid fees of Grand Officers and Representatives, as per vouchers:		
One Representative from De Molay Commandery	$15 60	
One Representative from Monroe Commandery	8 46	
One Representative from Eureka Commandery	12 66	
One Representative from Pontiac Commandery	7 56	
Amount paid Grand Officers	93 00	
Paid due bills issued by Grand Treasurer to subordinates for expenses of Grand Master Hubbard	25 00	
Balance on hand	4 72	—167 00

Which report was accepted, and referred to Committee on Finance. The Grand Treasurer presented the following report:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount on hand, as per Report, June 1, 1858 ..... $300 00

CONTRA—CR.

June 3.	By amount returned Gilman Commandery, as per order Grand Commandery	$100 00—	
June 5.	By paid order for Seal	14 00	
June 7.	By paid order C. D. Howard	6 00	
June 19.	By paid on order Fleming & Davis	15 00	
June 20.	By paid balance order Fleming & Davis	50 00—	$185 00
	Balance on hand		$115 00

Respectfully submitted.

WM. BARCLAY.

Which report was accepted, and referred to Committee on Finance. The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of R. E. Grand Commander relating to the decease of E. Sir Knight Elias D. Cone, made the following report:

Resolved, That in the decease of our worthy brother and Most Excellent Companion, Sir Knight Elias D. Cone, Past Commander of the Eureka Commandery, No. 3, and Past Deputy Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery, the fraternity has lost one of its brightest and most efficient members; one who has occupied prominent positions in each of the respective branches of the Order, of which he felt proud to be called a member.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family and relatives of the deceased, and tender them our condolence.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family of our deceased Sir Knight.

RICHARD ROWE,
D. B. TRACEY,
E. D. BENEDICT.

Which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Returns made the following report:

That having examined the returns from the following Commanderies, we find them correct:

Detroit Commandery, No. 1.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3.
Monroe Commandery, No. 4.
De Molay Commandery, No. 5.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6.
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7.

Being all the Commanderies in this jurisdiction working under charters from this Grand Body.

A. B. AYRES,
D. B. NICHOLS.

Which was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, reported the same correct, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $115; which report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Barclay, the Grand Recorder was authorized to procure necessary blank forms, and also a case for preserving the books and papers of this Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

[L. S.] GEO. W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

STATEMENT

OF MONEYS RECEIVED AT THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE JUNE, A. D. 1859.

From Detroit Commandery, No. 1—Dues		$36 00
From Pontiac Commandery, No. 2—Dues		13 50
From Eureka Commandery, No. 3—Dues	25 46	
—Balance Charter	5 00—	30 46
From Monroe Commandery, No. 4—Dues		12 50
From De Molay Commandery, No. 5—Dues		11 50
From Romeo Commandery, No. 6—Dues		5 00
From St. Clair Commandery, No. 7—Dues		40 00
		$148 96

PAY ROLL

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN, AT ITS ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE 7, A. D. 1859, A. O. 741.

GRAND OFFICERS.	RESIDENCES.	No. of Miles	Mileage.	No. of Days Attendance	Per Diem.	Total.	REMARKS.
R. E. Grand Commander	Detroit			1	4 00	4 00	
V. E. Dep. Grand Commander	Gr'd Rapids	160	9 60	1	4 00	13 60	
E. Grand Generalissimo	Pontiac	26	1 56	1	4 00	5 56	
E. Grand Captain General	Pontiac	26	1 56	1	4 00	5 56	
E. Grand Prelate	Trenton	15	90	1	4 00	4 90	
E. Grand Senior Warden	Gr'd Rapids	160	9 60	1	4 00	13 60	
E. Grand Junior Warden	St. Clair	50	3 00	1	4 00	7 00	
E. Grand Treasurer	Detroit			1	4 00	4 00	
E. Grand Recorder	Ionia	126	7 56	1	4 00	11 56	
E. Grand Standard Bearer	Romeo	40	2 40	1	4 00	6 40	
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Pontiac	26					Not present.
E. Grand Warder	Romeo	40	2 40	1	4 00	6 40	
E. Grand Captain of Guards	Detroit			1	4 00	4 00	
COMMANDERIES.	Where Held.						
Detroit Commandery, No. 1	Detroit			1	4 00	4 00	
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	Pontiac	26	1 56	1	4 00	5 56	
Eureka Commandery, No. 3	Hillsdale	111	6 66	1	4 00	10 66	
Monroe Commandery, No. 4	Monroe	41	2 46	1	4 00	6 46	
De Molay Commandery, No. 5	Gr'd Rapids	160	9 60	1	4 00	11 50	Total am'unt paid.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6	Romeo	40	2 40	1	4 00	5 00	
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7	Port Huron	75	4 50	1	4 00	8 50	

Register of Grand Commanderies Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Compiled from the Latest Information Received.

STATE.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	GRAND COMMANDER	RESIDENCE.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.	ANNUAL CONCLAVE	DATE OF RETURNS.	NUMBER OF SUBORD'ATES	NUMBER OF KNIGHTS.
California	Aug. 10, 1858	Sir Isaac Davis	Sacramento	Sir A. G. Abell	San Francisco	June	1858	3	131
Connecticut		Sir J. A. McLean	Norwalk	Sir E. G. Storer	New Haven	May	1858	6	360
Illinois	Oct. —, 1857	Sir J. V. Z. Blaney	Chicago	Sir W. H. Turner	Alton	October	1858	5	222
Indiana	May 16, 1854	Sir Geo. W. Porter	New Albany	Sir Francis King	Indianapolis	December	1858	7	223
Kentucky		Sir David J. Ayres		Sir W. M. Samuels	Paris	May	1857	10	206
Maine	May 5, 1852	Sir F. Bradford	Portland	Sir Ira Berry	Portland	May	1858	4	148
Mass. and Rhode Isl		Sir Daniel Harwood	Boston	Sir Stephen Lovel	Boston	October	1857	9	....
Michigan	April 7, 1857	Sir N. P. Jacobs	Detroit	Sir G. W. Wilson	Ionia	June	1859	7	196
Mississippi	Jan. 21, 1857	Sir G. M. Hillyear	Natchez	Sir R. W. T. Daniel	Jackson	January	1859	5	216
New York	June 18, 1814	Sir Charles G. Judd	Penn Yan	Sir Robert Macoy	New York	September	1858	23	1062
Ohio		Sir J. H. Archey		Sir J. D. Caldwell	Cincinnati	October	1858	18	651
Pennsylvania	April 12, 1854	Sir Jordan Schwartz	Reading	Sir Alfred Creigh	Washington	June	1858	17	509
Texas	Jan. 19, 1855	Sir James Sorley	Galveston	Sir A. Neill	Sequin	June	1858	6	270
Vermont	Aug. 14, 1851	Sir B. Davenport	Middlebury	Sir J. B. Hollenbeck	Burlington	January	1859	4	180
Virginia		Sir E. H. Gill	Lynchburg	Sir John Dove	Richmond	December	1857	10	347

SUMMARY:

Grand Commanderies 15
Commanderies Subordinate to Grand Commanderies 133
No. of Knights in 25 Commanderies (1856) 753
No. of Knights in 131 Commanderies (1857-9) 4,790
Total No. returned as Members 5,553

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—OF A—

SPECIAL CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11th, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742.

Agreeably to a call, a special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan convened at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, as above. Present.

Sir N. P. JACOBS, Detroit, R. E. G. Commander.

WM. P. INNES, Grand Rapids, V. E. D. G. Commander.

FRANK DARROW, Pontiac, E. G. Generalissimo.

JOHN CLARK, St. Clair, E. G. Captain General.

Rev. D. S. LUMSDEN, Ann Arbor, E. G. Prelate.

C. K. WILLIAMS, Flint, *as* E. G. Senior Warden.

C. S. MOTT, Detroit, *as* E. G. Junior Warden.

WM. BARCLAY, Detroit, E. G. Treasurer.

GEO. W. WILSON, Ionia, E. G. Recorder.

A. B. AYRES, Romeo, E. G. Standard Bearer.

D. B. NICHOLS, Detroit, *as* E. G. Warder.

CHAS. D. HOWARD, Detroit, E. G. Captain of Guards.

And Sir Knights Rhodes, Penfield and Preston, of Detroit Commandery, No. 1.

Sir Knights S. Chamberlain, B. Coggshall and D. A. Wright, of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2.

Sir Knight Corson, of Eureka Commandery, No. 3.

Sir Knight Tracey, of Monroe Commandery, No. 4.

Sir Knights E. D. Benedict and T. H. Lyon, of Grand Rapids Commandery, No. 5.

Sir Knight C. C. Lamb, of Romeo Commandery, No. 6.

Sir Knights Fishpool, Conger, Harris, Mitchell, and S. B. Brown, of Port Huron Commandery, No. 7.

The Grand Officers were stationed at their respective posts, and the Grand Commandery opened in AMPLE FORM.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were accepted and adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, The differences heretofore existing between Monroe Chapter, No. 1, and Peninsular Chapter, No. 16, have been mutually and honorably settled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Body most earnestly recommend to Detroit Commandery to reinstate (without delay) Sir Knights Roberts, Ensworth and Weston to all the rights and benefits of Knights Templar.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded forthwith to Detroit Commandery, No. 1.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be and he is hereby authorized to grant permission to Monroe Commandery, No. 4, to hold special meetings of their Commandery at Adrian, provided it is not in conflict with the Grand Constitution, and if in his discretion he may consider it for the interest of the Order so to do.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, This Grand Body did, at its last regular session, declare Peninsular Commandery, located at Kalamazoo, an irregular body of Knights Templar by the adoption of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the R. E. Grand Commander be and he is hereby instructed to demand of said Peninsular Commandery their charter, and disband said Commandery.

"*Resolved*, That all Knightly courtesy between Sir Knights of this State who acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, and the Sir Knights of the said Peninsular Commandery, be and the same is hereby interdicted."

"AND WHEREAS, The said Commandery has now presented itself, and asked for a new charter, according to the requirements of the Grand Commandery of this State; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That said charter be granted in accordance with the prayer of said petitioners, (to be No. 8 upon the record,) upon the payment of $10 and the surrender of the old charter.

"*Resolved*, That upon said Commandery complying with the above requirements, the members of the same are, and they are hereby, by resolution of this Grand Body, 'healed,' and declared to be Sir Knights in good and regular standing.

"*Resolved*, That on compliance with the above requirements, the Grand Recorder be instructed to forward to the General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, and to the several Grand Commanderies throughout the United States, the action of this Grand Body in the matter."

In compliance with the foregoing, Sir Knight Brackett surrendered the old charter, paid the required fee of $10, and a new charter was issued under the name and style of Peninsular Commandery, No. 8.

The Grand Commandery was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

GEO. W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

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OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The Regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, convened at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742, at 6 P. M. Present:

Sir N. P. JACOBS, Detroit, R E. G. Commander.

WM. P. INNES, Grand Rapids, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.

FRANK DARROW, Pontiac, E. G. Generalissimo.

JOHN CLARK, St. Clair, E. G. Captain General.

Rev. D. S. LUMSDEN, Ann Arbor, E. G. Prelate.

L. R. ATWATER, Grand Rapids, E. G. Senior Warden.

C. S. MOTT, Detroit, E. G. Junior Warden.

WM. BARCLAY, Detroit, E. G. Treasurer.

GEO. W. WILSON, Ionia, E. G. Recorder.

A. B. AYRES, Romeo, E. G. Standard Bearer.

J. J. RHODES, Detroit, E. G. Warder, *p. t.*

CHAS. D. HOWARD, Detroit, E. G. Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers were stationed at their respective posts, and the Grand Commandery opened in AMPLE FORM.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Sir Knights Innes, Ayres and Noble, was appointed to examine the credentials of delegates to this Conclave.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, all true and courteous Sir Knights were invited to visit the Grand Commandery during its session.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, they having been published and distributed.

Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, from Committee on Credentials, reported the following Sir Knights entitled to seats in this Grand Body, as the representatives of their respective Commanderies:

John Gilbert, Jr., P. R. E. G. Commander.

Sir N. P. Jacobs, R. E. G. Commander.

Wm. P. Innes, V. E. D. G. Commander.

Frank Darrow, E. G. Generalissimo.

John Clark, E. G. Captain General.

Rev. D. S. Lumsden, E. G. Prelate.

L. R. Atwater, E. G. Senior Warden.

C. S. Mott, E. G. Junior Warden.

Wm. Barclay, E. G. Treasurer.

Geo. W. Wilson, E. G. Recorder.

A. B. Ayres, E. G. Standard Bearer.

J. J. Rhodes, E. G. Warder, *pro tem.*

Chas. D. Howard, E. G. Captain of Guards.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1 -

D. B. Nichols, E. C.

G. B. Noble, G.

J. J. Rhodes, C. G.

Wm. Barclay, P. E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

Frank Darrow, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

A. B. Mathews, P. E. C.

Rev. D. C. Jacokes, P. E. C.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

F. French, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

R. Rowe, P. and P. E. C.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 4—

D. B. Tracey, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

J. Darrah and Wm. L. Greenly, P. E. C.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

John C. Buchanan, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

E. D. Benedict, P. E. C.

D. S. Leavitt, P. E. C.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Robert P. Eldridge, proxy for E. C.

S. A. Fitch, proxy for G.

Abijah Palmer, C. G.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

R. Wadhams, C. G., and proxy for E. C. and G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, U. D.

B. Porter, Jr., E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, U. D.

F. T. Eddy, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Sir Knight D. B. Tracey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the R. E. G. Commander, who shall report rules and forms of appeal to the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, also rules and forms of Appeal from this Body to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Which was adopted.

Committee: — Sirs William P. Innes, D. B. Tracey, and L. R. Atwater.

On motion,

Resolved, That any Commandery of Knights Templar in this jurisdiction may confer the degrees of Knighthood upon any worthy companion residing forty miles or more from a working Commandery; *Provided, always*, That the candidate shall be a member in good standing of a Royal Arch Chapter.

On motion, the minutes of the special Conclave, not having been printed, were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the appeal of Sir Knights Roberts and Ensworth be taken from the table.

Resolved, That the appeal of Sir Knights H. S. Roberts and G. B. Ensworth, from Detroit Commandery, No. 1, to this Grand Commandery, be dismissed, they having been reinstated by Detroit Commandery, No. 1, to all the rights and benefits of Knighthood.

Which, on motion, was laid on the table until to-morrow.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter all subordinate Commanderies within this jurisdiction be, and they are hereby required, to open and close their Commanderies in DUE FORM, at every Regular Communication.

Which, on motion, was laid upon the table.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Monroe Commandery, No. 4, having lost its property and effects by fire, the dues to this Grand Body be remitted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing year be made the special order at half-past 10 A. M. to-morrow.

The R. E. G. Commander then appointed the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

Sir Knights Innes, Eldridge and Tracey.

ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS—

Sir Knights Eldridge, Nichols and Wadhams.

ON FINANCE—

Sir Knights Clark, Atwater and Rhodes.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

Sir Knights French, Palmer and Eddy.

ON GRIEVANCES—

Sir Knights Darrow, Clark and Buchanan.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

Sir Knights Ayres, Porter and Tracey.

ON RETURNS—

Sir Knights Eddy, Benedict and Fitch.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Sir Knights Geo. W. Wilson, Benedict and Dyer.

The R. E. G. Commander then delivered the following address:

SIR KNIGHTS:—In compliance with established usage and the requirements of the Constitution, at this, the third Annual Communication of the State Grand Commandery of Michigan, I submit to the Knights Templar now present, the following, for their consideration:

It became my disagreeable duty in July last, under instructions from this Grand Body, to issue a proclamation, dissolving Peninsular Commandery, at Kalamazoo, directing them to surrender their charter to the bearer of said proclamation, the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, and to refrain from further associating themselves together as Knights Templar, or acting as such. The V. E. Deputy, acting under the commission with which he was entrusted, in person visited Kalamazoo, and notified Peninsular Commandery of the proclamation. I have understood that the Sir Knights of that Commandery, although refusing to surrender their charter, were so far obedient to my mandate as to refrain from meeting or convening as Knights Templar, but from it appealed to the Grand Master and to the Grand Encampment of the United States, which convened in September last at Chicago.

You are all aware, Sir Knights, of the result of the appeal. Your own Grand Officers were present at that session, where the course which the Grand Commandery of this State had taken in that case was sustained, almost, if not quite, unanimously. Your proceedings were not only approved of by the Grand Encampment, but its decision removed, to a great extent, causes of complaint before existing against that Grand Body among the several State Commanderies, and harmonized discordant elements that threatened the well being and stability of the Order.

The wisdom of your proceedings are also apparent in the harmony now existing in this jurisdiction. Our brethren of Peninsular Commandery having acknowledged their error, are now united with us in the firm bonds of Knightly Companionship. Our knightly array is complete.

It has been my good fortune, Sir Knights, after due deliberation, to grant letters of dispensation to Sir Benjamin Porter, Jr., and the requisite number of other Sir Knights, to establish a Commandery of Knights Templar in the city of Jackson; also, to Sir Franklin T. Eddy and others, to establish a Commandery at Coldwater. From the character of the companions engaged, and their standing in the Order, I have no doubt that the issuing of those letters will receive your

approval, and that you will be prepared to grant the charters to which, from their progress in the work of the Order, they doubtless will be entitled.

At the session of the Grand Encampment, where, permit me to say, your officers were most fraternally greeted by the representatives of the different State Grand Commanderies of the whole Union, and most courteously treated by the Sir Knights resident of Chicago, great and material changes were made in regard to the dress and equipments of Knights Templar. These changes I wish to bring to your notice, that such action may be taken by you as will produce uniformity therein, and conformity to the requirements of the Grand Encampment. These changes are radical, and the costume there adopted will undoubtedly remain the standard for all time to come.

At the same session a committee was appointed on tactics. This committee has, as I understand, reported; and as far as in them lies, adopted a work in many respects essentially different from that heretofore in use. Under credentials from the M. E. Grand Master, B. B. French, Sir Knight Bartlett, of Indiana, with my consent, has exemplified that work to different Commanderies in this State. His exemplification, certainly, meets with my approval, but it is for this Grand Body to forbid or allow the same to be used in its jurisdiction, prior to the approval thereof by the next Grand Encampment of the United States.

I know of nothing further, Sir Knights, to bring before you for consideration at this time. As you are doubtless aware, the Burial Service, adopted by you at your last annual Convocation, was also adopted, with but trifling alteration, by the Grand Encampment. No occasion has occurred, to my knowledge, within this jurisdiction, since we last met, to render its use necessary. A kind and paternal Grand Master has watched over our fold, and guarded its inmates from approach of the great adversary, Death.

I refer you to the comprehensive and able report of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as to the position of the different State Grand Commanderies, and their advancement in knightly proficiency. Nothing that I am aware of, Sir Knights, throughout the whole field under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, from the Atlantic on the east, to the shores of the great ocean bounding it upon the west, has occurred to retard the onward and prosperous march of our beloved Order.

Allow me to congratulate you, Companions, upon this prosperity, and to trust that we shall emulate the good example set us by sister Grand Commanderies, and guard well the portals and recesses of our own.

On motion of Sir Knight D. B. Tracey, the address of the R. E. G. Commander was referred to a special committee, consisting of Sir Knights Tracey, Fitch and Noble.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the R. E. G. Commander, made the following report:

That so much as relates to dispensations and charters, be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

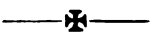
That that portion which relates to the regalia and dress of Knights Templar, be referred to the three first officers of this Grand Body.

That portion which relates to the drill and work of the Order, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. B. TRACEY,
S. A. FITCH,
G. B. NOBLE.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned till 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.



WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 6—9 o'clock.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The minutes were read and approved.

Sir Knight Innes, from the Committee on Credentials, asked leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That the E. Commanders of Jackson Commandery and Jacobs Commandery, U. D., be granted permission to vote in this Grand Body, as though their Commanderies were regularly instituted and officers installed, their applications for charters having been reported upon favorably.

Resolved, That the committee do not consider it a matter of right, but a mere act of courtesy on behalf of this Grand Body.

Resolved, That Sir Knight French, of Eureka Commandery, No. 3, be allowed to cast the vote of said Commandery, as that was evidently the intention of said Commandery, although the returns were informal.

On motion, report accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight Innes offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, laid on the table until afternoon:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Commandery that no Sir Knight can be suspended or expelled for the non-payment of dues, except at a regular Communication of the Commandery to which they belong, and then only upon regular charges made and preferred according to Masonic usage.

Resolved, That all dues shall be paid by subordinate Commanderies to the State Grand Commandery, for each and every Sir Knight, except the Recorder, up to the date of a regular Masonic suspension or expulsion, as above specified.

The above resolutions were, on motion, taken from the table and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the exemplification of the work be made the special order at two o'clock P. M.

Sir Knight D. B. Tracey moved that a committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable P. E. Commander's jewel for the R. E. Commander; which was adopted, and Sir Knights Tracey, Buchanan and Porter, appointed the committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the R. E. G. Commander, Generalissimo, and Grand Recorder, be appointed a committee on printing proceedings.

Resolved, That they be instructed to have printed five hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Commandery, together with the Constitution, Laws and Edicts, and all the proceedings of this Grand Commandery since its formation, and that each Grand Officer be entitled to three copies, each representative to one copy, and each subordinate Commandery to six copies; and that the R. E. Grand Commander be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

Resolution of Sir Knight Innes was taken from the table and read:

Resolved, That the By-Laws for the government of subordinate Commanderies be amended, as follows: Strike out all after the word "by," in 4th line of section 8, article 7, and insert "obtaining a special dispensation from the R. E. G. Commander."

Which was lost.

On motion of Sir Knight Atwater,

Resolved, That the sum of forty dollars be appropriated to each of the delegates to the last session of the G. G. Encampment, for the purpose of defraying their expenses to the same.

On motion, the resolution was amended, by the Grand Recorder being authorized to pay the actual expenses of the delegates.

On motion of Sir Knight Tracey, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby courteously tendered our late R. E. Grand Commander, Sir N. P. Jacobs, for his sincere devotion to its interests during the period of his official career, just closed.

Resolved, That in retiring again to the ranks he carries with him our warm approval of his past acts and our earnest prayers for his future welfare.

Resolved, That an appropriate Past Commander's Jewel be presented to him as a mark of our esteem, and that a committee of three be appointed to procure the same.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the Grand Officers, and attested by the seal of the Grand Commandery, be presented to Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs, as a testimonal of the sentiments of this Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commandery then proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year. Sir Knights Wilson and Barclay were appointed tellers.

The following Sir Knights were then elected:

Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, of Grand Rapids, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir Knight Frank Darrow, of Pontiac, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
Sir Knight John Clark, of St. Clair. E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Knight L. R. Atwater, of Grand Rapids, E. Grand Capt. General.
Sir Knight D. B. Tracey, of Mt. Clemens, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir Knight A. B. Ayres, of Romeo, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Knight F. T. Eddy, of Coldwater, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Knight Wm. Barclay, of Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Knight Geo. W. Wilson, of Ionia, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir Knight B. Porter, Jr., of Jackson, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir Knight D. B. Nichols, of Detroit, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir Knight R. P. Eldridge, of Mt. Clemens, E. Grand Warder.
Sir Knight Chas. D. Howard, of Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received the proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies, and respectfully report as follows, viz:

ILLINOIS—Peoria, October 25, A. D. 1859. R. E. Sir Josiah Hunt, G. C., Alton; E. Sir Wm. H. Turner, G. Recorder, Chicago.

INDIANA—Connersville, December 7, 1859. R. E. Rev. Sir Wm. Pelan, G. C., Connersville; E. Sir Francis King, G. R., Indianapolis.

MAINE—Portland, May 3, 1859. R. E. Sir Freeman Bradford, G. C., Portland; E. Sir Ira Berry, G. Recorder, Portland.

NEW YORK—Utica, September 27, A. D. 1859. R. E. Sir Chas. G. Judd, G. C, Penn Yan; E. Sir Robert Macoy, G. Recorder, New York.

PENNSYLVANIA—Altoona, June 22, 1859. R. E. Sir A. Jordon Swartz, G. C., E. Sir Alfred Creigh, G. Recorder, Washington.

TENNESSEE—Nashville, October 12, A. D. 1859. R. E. Sir Chas. A. Fuller, G. C., Nashville; E. Sir Wm. H. Whiton, G. Recorder, Columbia.

TEXAS—Huntsville, June 22, 1859. R. E. Sir James Sorley, G. C., Galveston; E. Sir Andrew Neill, G. Recorder, Sequin.

VERMONT—Burlington, January 10, 1860. R. E. Sir John F. Webster, G. C., Winooske; E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck, G. Recorder, Burlington.

VIRGINIA—Richmond, December 16, 1859. R. E. Sir E. H. Gill, G. C., Richmond; E. Sir John Dove, G. Recorder, Richmond.

WISCONSIN—Madison, October 20, 1859, and January 4, 1860. R. E. Sir Henry L. Palmer, G. C., Milwaukee; E. Sir John W. Hunt, G. Recorder, Madison.

And the proceedings of the Triennial session of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, held in the city of Chicago, September 13, 1859.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Commandery held its special session in Chicago, September 12, 1859; also its third Annual Conclave, at Peoria, October 25, 1859. Five Commanderies were represented. The object of the Special Conclave appears to have been for the purpose of making

arrangements for the reception of the delegates to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The proceedings of the Annual Conclave evince a feeling of Peace and Harmony. E. Sir Josiah Hunt was elected E. G. Commander, and Sir Wm. H. Turner, G. Recorder.

INDIANA.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave at the city of Connersville, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1859. Seven Commanderies were represented. We quote from the annual address of P. G. Commander Sir G. W. Porter, the following, in relation to the question which had agitated this jurisdiction:

"I attended the Triennial session of the Grand Encampment of the United States with Sir Knights Acker and Austin, as your representatives, fully determined to carry out the wishes of this Grand Commandery, as declared at our last Annual Conclave; but as the settlement of the Michigan case was a formal acknowledgment of the doctrine that a State Commandery has absolute, entire, and inviolable jurisdiction over all subordinates within its jurisdiction, no just cause of complaint then remained; and, believing, as I always have done, that Templar Masonry requires a head, being a military organization, as a true and loyal Sir Knight, I would do nothing that could mar the peace and harmony of the session."

This jurisdiction has seven subordinates, and one hundred and seventy-six affiliated Sir Knights returned, two subordinates not having made their returns to the Grand Body.

R. E. Sir William Pelan, of Connersville, was elected G. C., and E. Sir Francis King, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave in the city of Portland, on the 3d day of May, A. D. 1859. Four subordinates, being the full number, were represented. The following criticism of the proceedings of this Grand Commandery we quote from the Report on Foreign Correspondence:

"We notice in Michigan, as in several other of the Western and Southern Grand Commanderies, that when a charter is granted to a subordinate Commandery, its three first officers are admitted at once as

Representatives in the Grand Commandery. We have before expressed our disapprobation of this course, and would, with all knightly courtesy, ask of our brethren to examine, and see if they really follow in the paths our fathers trod, and duly observe, in that respect, the landmarks which they have set up. As we understand it, until a Lodge has been formally consecrated and its officers installed, it is not entitled to a representation; and the same rule, we think, should apply to a Commandery."

In reply to the above, your committee would state, for the benefit of the Sir Knights of Maine, that we have never claimed their inherent right to seats, but see no good and valid reason why they may not enjoy that privilege, with consent of the body. R. E. Sir Freeman Bradford, of Portland, was elected G. C., and E. Sir Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Recorder. This Grand Commandery reports one hundred and seventeen affiliated Sir Knights in her jurisdiction.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Commandery held its Forty-Sixth Annual Conclave in the city of Utica, on September 27, A. D. 1859. Twenty-seven subordinate Commanderies were represented.

Your committee extract the following in relation to work, from the address of R. E. Sir Chas. G. Judd, G. C.:

"As Knights Templar we are essentially a military order; and, consequently, due subordination to superiors, and strict discipline, should be one of our distinguishing characteristics. But if we would secure uniformity of work and military drill, as well the private in the ranks as those entrusted with the responsibilities of office, should submit, as becomes gallant and courteous Knights and true soldiers, to the instructions of their superior officers, and at least to those of the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States. Permit me, then, to urge upon the Sir Knights, and particularly the E. Commanders of this State jurisdiction, the great importance of ascertaining the work and drill as laid down by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and strictly adhering thereto, discountenancing every deviation therefrom, even in particulars seemingly unimportant. And although in the work and drill thus ascertained there may chance to be, in the opinion of some Sir Knights, some error, yet it would be far better, for the sake of uniformity and correct discipline, to disregard the supposed error, than to attempt its correction by any other authority than the

highest in the Order in the United States. And although this may require, on the part of some Sir Knights, a sacrifice of favorite opinions, yet the sacrifice would seem to be well repaid by the good thereby secured to our beloved Order."

A valuable list of forms is added in an appendix, which your committee would recommend this Grand Commandery to publish in similar form in their printed proceedings. R. E. Sir Chas. G. Judd, of Penn Yan, was re-elected G. C., and E. Sir Robert Macoy, of New York, G. Recorder. This Grand Body reports twenty-three subordinates and one thousand two hundred and seventy-four affiliated Sir Knights in her jurisdiction.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Grand Commandery held its Sixth Annual Conclave at Altoona, on June 22, A. D. 1859. Eleven Commanderies were represented. We observe nothing of special interest to this Grand Body in her proceedings. The report on Foreign Correspondence is full and able. Sir Wm H. Allen, of Philadelphia, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir Alfred Creigh, of Washington, G. Recorder. This Grand Commandery has sixteen subordinates, and returns a roll of five hundred and fifty-eight affiliated Sir Knights.

TENNESSEE.

This Grand Commandery held its first Conclave in the city of Nashville, on the 12th day of October, A. D. 1859. Three Commanderies were represented. These proceedings relate chiefly to the organization of the Grand Body, together with historical sketches of Templar Masonry in Tennessee. There are four Commanderies, and 175 affiliated Sir Knights in this jurisdiction. Sir Charles A. Fuller, of Nashville, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Wm. H. Whiton, of Columbia, G. Recorder.

TEXAS.

This Grand Commandery held its fifth Annual Conclave in the city of Huntsville, June 22, A. D. 1859. Five Commanderies were represented. The report on Foreign Correspondence is as usual, terse, concise, and to the point. We quote from them: "Ohio fails either to notice our proceedings, or give a review of any." Having been treated ourselves by Ohio with the same *Knightly courtesy*, we are unable to determine whether she has designed to notice us or not.

Texas has six subordinates and 271 affiliated Sir Knights within her jurisdiction. R. E. Sir Geo. M. Patrick was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Andrew Neill, of Sequin, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave in the city of Burlington, on the 10th day of Janaury, 1860. Four Commanderies were represented. R. E. Sir John S. Webster, of Winooske, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Grand Recorder. Vermont has four subordinates and 185 affiliated Sir Knights within her jurisdiction.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave in the city of Richmond, December 16, A. D. 1859. Six Commanderies were represented. The R. E. Grand Commander, in his address, expresses the hope that "for reasons heretofore communicated, he be permitted peaceably to withdraw from its (the G. G. Encampment) jurisdiction;" which, to your committee, sounds oddly, when contrasted with the following quotation in the preceding paragraph of his address, viz: "How good it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." R. E. Sir Edward H. Gill, of Richmond, was re-elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir John Dove, of Richmond, Grand Recorder. Virginia has ten subordinates, and 435 affiliated Sir Knights, within her jurisdiction.

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Commandery held its first Annual Conclave in the city of Milwaukee, on January 4, 1860. Your committee have also received the proceedings, together with the statutes adopted at a convention in the city of Madison, October 20, A. D. 1859, by virtue of authority vested in them by M. E. B. B. French, Grand Master. Three Commanderies were represented. The R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Henry L. Palmer, in his address, alludes most feelingly to the decease of Sir Knight John Warren Hunt, who was elected Grand Recorder, at the organization of that Grand Body. The chairman of this committee would here take occasion to offer a tribute to his memory. Although never having enjoyed a personal acquaintance with the deceased, his correspondence with him was of the most happy and

genial character. The G. C. quotes the following beautiful language from the Ritual:

"He was a true and courteous Knight, and has fallen in life's struggle, full Knightly, with his armor on, prepared for Knightly deeds."

R. E. Sir Henry L. Palmer was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Recorder. This Grand Commandery has three subordinates and 118 affiliated Sir Knights.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

This Supreme Grand Body held its fourteenth Triennial session in the city of Chicago, September 13, A. D. 1859, at which the following State Grand Commanderies were represented: California, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Vermont, and seventeen subordinate Commanderies, independent of the jurisdiction of State Grand Commanderies.

The proceedings of this General Grand Body are so voluminous that your committee can give place only to such portions of the proceedings as relate to this jurisdiction. We quote from the report of the E. G. Grand Recorder, Sir Knight French, as follows:

"Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, at Kalamazoo, Michigan, has declined to place herself under the Grand Commandery of that State, and has regularly sent her returns and her dues to me, acknowledging no other superior than this Grand Encampment, from which she received her charter, on the 10th of September, 1856.

"The *only* official documents that have reached me, touching this unfortunate matter, are a proclamation issued by the R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, declaring Peninsular Commandery in a state of rebellion, disbanding the same, and enjoining upon all faithful Knights Templar, no longer, as such, to consort nor have any intercourse with the members of that Commandery, and a printed statement from Peninsular Commandery, setting forth at considerable length its position, and defending itself against the action of the Grand Commandery.

"The question which is in controversy between these respectable bodies of Templars, is one of construction of the Constitution of this Grand Encampment. They are both regularly constituted, under the provisions of that Constitution—Peninsular Commandery under a

charter regularly issued on the 10th day of September, 1856—the Grand Commandery of Michigan under the warrant of the Grand Master of Knights Templar, on April 7, 1857. Under said charter Peninsular Commandery claims to be independent of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and acknowledges allegiance alone to this Grand Encampment, from whence its existence was derived.

"The Grand Commandery of Michigan, claiming sovereign power over Templar Masonry throughout the State of Michigan, under its construction of the provisions of our Grand Constitution, demanded of Peninsular Commandery the charter granted to it by this Grand Encampment, and that it acknowledge itself under the jurisdiction of that Grand Body, and upon its refusal to comply with that demand, the R. E. G. Commander issued his proclamation as above stated.

"I had no power, however, to do otherwise than recognize Peninsular Commandery and the Grand Commandery of Michigan, as Masonically legal and legitimate Templar bodies, unless by Edict from our M. E. Grand Master. I have so recognized them up to this time, and must continue so to do until this M. E. Grand Body settles the unfortunate controversy between them."

On the fifth day of the session, Sir Knight Simons, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted a report and resolutions, in the case of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, of this State, when Sir Knight Allen moved to postpone the consideration of said report and resolutions until 3 o'clock P. M., and make them the special order for that hour.

Sir Knight Hillyer moved that they be recommitted; which was adopted.

Sir Knight Simons, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, again submitted the report and resolutions, in the case of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, as follows:

"*To the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States:*

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the controversy between the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and a subordinate Commandery at Kalamazoo, in that State, known as Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, respectfully report:

"That they have given their careful attention to the subject, and find that the whole difficulty is a question of jurisdiction. The Grand

Commandery having been duly formed by authority of the warrant of the M. E. Grand Master, claims jurisdiction over all subordinate Commanderies in the State, while Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, claims to refuse obedience to the State Grand Body, and to continue its allegiance to the Grand Encampment of the United States. In order, therefore, to ascertain where the jurisdiction really is, and thus set the question at rest, we beg to call the attention of the Grand Encampment to its own Constitution and former action in similar cases.

"In all branches of Masonry in this country, the law obtains that a State Grand Body has sole and exclusive jurisdiction within the limits of the territory it occupies. There can be no divided jurisdiction, nor can any authority give legal existence to a subordinate in contravention of the will of the State superior. Any other doctrine than this would lead to inextricable confusion, and destroy the wholesome and proper discipline of the Order.

"Admitting this doctrine, which it is believed cannot be controverted, it follows that exclusive jurisdiction is vested in the Grand Commandery of Michigan. It is distinctly recognized in Art. IV., Sec. 2, of our Grand Constitution, in these words: 'Every Commandery working in a State, District or Territory where there is a Grand Commandery, shall have a dispensation or charter from said Grand Commandery.' And again, Art. II.: 'Whenever there shall be three or more subordinate chartered Commanderies *instituted* or *holden* under this Constitution, in any one State, District or Territory, in which a Grand Encampment has not been heretofore formed, a Grand Commandery may be formed after obtaining the approval of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. *Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits* in which it is holden.' From this it is evident that when the Grand Master, by his warrant, authorized the formation of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, the jurisdiction of the *entire State* became thereby vested in them, and the authority of the *Grand Encampment over any subordinate in that State ceased.* This opinion is further supported by the previous action of your honorable body, to be found on pages 79 and 80 of the printed transactions of 1856, where a committee reported as follows: 'Your committee are of opinion that this General Grand Encampment cannot, with propriety, or constitutionally, interfere with the jurisdiction of any subordinate Encampment in any State or Territory where there is a Grand Encampment established.' It is unnecessary to pursue the argument any further. There can be no doubt whatever that Peninsular

Commandery has owed obedience to the Grand Commandery of Michigan from the date of its formation, and should at once make due and unconditional submission to its lawful authority. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Commandery of Michigan, from the date of its formation, has of right exercised sole and exclusive jurisdiction over all subordinates in that State.

"*Resolved*, That all dues paid by Peninsular Commandery, No. 4, to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Encampment, accruing since the formation of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, be paid to the Grand Recorder of that body.

"Respectfully submitted,
"JOHN W. SIMONS,
"THEODORE S. PARVIN,
"D. A. PIPER,
"H. L. PALMER,
"*Committee.*"

Sir Knight Drew offered the following:

"*Resolved*, That at the formation of a State Grand Commandery, it is the right as well as the duty of every subordinate in such State, whether chartered or under dispensation, to enroll themselves under such State Grand Commandery, and respect and obey its laws and regulations."

Which was adopted.

The following Sir Knights were elected Grand Officers for the ensuing three years:

Sir Benjamin B. French, Washington, D. C., M. E. Grand Master.
Sir David Short Goodloe, Lexington, Ky., R. E. Dep. Grand Master.
Sir Winslow Lewis, Boston, Mass., V. E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir James V. T. Blaney, Chicago, Ill., V. E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Charles Marsh, Nevada, Cal., V. E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Azariah T. C. Pierson, St. Paul, Minn., V. E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Edward Asa Raymond, Boston, Mass., V. E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Samuel Gibson Risk, New Orleans, La., V. E. Grand Recorder.
Sir Abner B. Thompson, Brunswick, Me., V. E. G'd Standard Bearer.
Sir Robert M. Henderson, Lexington, Mo., V. E. G'd Sword Bearer.
Sir Nathaniel P. Jacobs, Detroit, Mich., V. E. Grand Warder.

The General Grand Body closed to meet on the 3d day of September, A. D. 1862, in the city of Memphis, Tennessee.

All of which is courteously submitted.

GEORGE W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Treasurer made his report for moneys received and paid out at Grand Conclave, June 1, 1859:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the R. E. G. Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Commandery, begs leave to submit his annual report:

DEBIT.

To amount on hand, as per report June 3, 1859	$115 00
To dues of Peninsular Commandery	60 00
To amount of Jackson Commandery	100 00
To amount of Jacobs' Commandery	100 00
Total	$375 00

CREDIT.

By paid John Slater for printing	$ 50 00
By paid Sir Knight George W. Wilson, Recorder	50 00
By paid Sir Knight John Clark	14 80
By paid express charges at burial of Sir Knight R. Macy	1 25
By paid for printing	40 00
By balance on hand	218 95
	$375 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM BARCLAY, *Treasurer.*

June 5th, 1860.

Which report was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

STATEMENT OF MONEYS RECEIVED AT THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE, A. D. 1860.

For Charter for Peninsular Commandery, No. 8	$ 10 00
From Detroit Commandery, No. 1, Dues	37 50
From Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, Dues	14 50
From Eureka Commandery, No. 3, Dues	34 00
From Monroe Commandery, No. 4, (remitted)	

From De Molay Commandery, No. 5, Dues	$ 23 17
From Romeo Commandery, No. 6, Dues	20 00
From St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, Dues	32 50
From Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, (no returns)	
From Jackson Commandery, No. 9, (Charter)	20 00
From Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, (Charter)	20 00
Total	$211 67

CONTRA—CR.

To paid postage and printing circulars, last year	$12 00	
Paid for stationery, seals, etc	79	
To paid S. D. Elwood, bill printing and binding	9 50	
R. E. G. Commander, Detroit	4 00	
V. E. D. G. Commander, Grand Rapids, 160 miles	13 60	
E. G. Generalissimo, Pontiac, 26 miles	5 56	
E. G. Captain General, St. Clair, 75 miles	8 50	
E. G. Prelate, Ann Arbor, 37 miles	4 22	
E. G. Senior Warden, Grand Rapids, 160 miles	13 60	
E. G. Junior Warden, Pontiac, 26 miles		
E. G. Treasurer, Detroit	4 00	
E. G. Recorder, Ionia, 126 miles	11 56	
E. G. Standard Bearer, Romeo, 40 miles	6 40	
E. G. Sword Bearer, Romeo, 40 miles	6 40	
E. G. Warder, *pro tem*	4 00	
E. G. Captain Guards, Detroit	10 00	
Paid N. P. Jacobs, advanced postage, etc., (per order G. C.)	10 00	

COMMANDERIES.

Detroit, No. 1	4 00	
Pontiac, No. 2, 26 miles	5 56	
Eureka, No. 3, 111 miles	10 66	
Monroe, No. 4, 41 miles	6 46	
De Molay, No. 5, 160 miles	13 60	
Romeo, No. 6, 40 miles	6 40	
St. Clair, No. 7, 75 miles	8 50	
Peninsular, No. 8, (not represented)		
Jackson, No. 9, 78 miles	8 56	
Jacobs, No. 10, 130 miles	11 80	
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Which report was accepted and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made the following report:

"That so much of the Grand Commander's address referred to them, relative to the work and tactics, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the work and tactics, as exemplified by the Grand Encampment, at its last session, be adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that the R. E. G. Commander require each subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction to be fully instructed therein, that the work and tactics in this jurisdiction may be uniform, and that the R. E. G. Commander by himself or proxy, shall instruct the subordinate Commanderies as soon as practicable.

A. B. AYRES,
D. B. TRACEY,
Of Committee.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Innes, it was

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, relating to the adoption of the form of Complaints and Appeals, as adopted by the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, be referred to the special committee already appointed for that purpose.

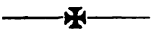
On motion of Sir Knight Tracey, it was

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to Sir Knight Charles D. Howard, for his services as Grand Captain of the Guards, during this Conclave.

On motion of Sir Knight Benedict, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be and they are hereby tendered to Monroe Chapter, No. 1, for the use of this hall during our present session, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said Chapter.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.



June 6—2 P. M.

Commandery met pursuant to adjournment, when the R. E. G. Commander proceeded to install the officers elect, for the ensuing year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid the Grand Recorder, for his services during the past year.

The appeal of Sir Knights Roberts, Ensworth and Weston, was taken from the table.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Detroit Commandery be, and is hereby directed to certify to this Grand Body at its next session, the action, whatever it may be, that it has taken in reference to the request of this Grand Body, regarding the restoration of Allyn Weston to the rights and benefits of a Knight Templar.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand Commander referring to the costume, as adopted by the G. G. Encampment, at its last session, made the following report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and would state that although as a matter of taste they do not approve of said costume, yet as it has been adopted, and the wearing thereof made obligatory in all Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Encampment now existing, or hereafter to be formed, in obedience thereto, we would recommend that the costume be adopted within the different Commanderies of this State; that all Sir Knights who may hereafter procure costumes be directed to conform to the requirements of the Grand Encampment, and that no officer, member or Sir Knight, after this session, be allowed to sit in this Grand Commandery, unless clothed in those prescribed habiliments.

NATHANIEL P. JACOBS,
WILLIAM P. INNES,
FRANK DARROW,
Committee.

Which report, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, reported as follows:

That they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the above officers, and find them correct.

When, on motion, their report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Tracey, the sum of ten dollars was allowed the R. E. Grand Commander for his incidental expenses incurred during the past year.

Sir Knight A. B. Ayres then proceeded to exemplify the work in AMPLE FORM.

On motion, the Commandery was adjourned to half-past seven.

JUNE 6—7:30 P. M.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander, Wm. P. Innes.

On motion, the delegates from Jackson and Jacobs Commanderies were paid mileage and per diem.

The Grand Commandery was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

GEORGE W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

BURIAL SERVICE

—OF THE—

ORDERS OF MASONIC KNIGHTHOOD.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. No Sir Knight can be buried with the funeral honors of Knighthood unless he be a Knight Templar in regular standing.

2. It shall be the duty of the E. Commander to convene the Sir Knights of the Commandery upon notice of the death of a Sir Knight who may be entitled to receive funeral honors, upon request, made when living, or by his family after his decease, for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremonies.

3. Sir Knights, on such occasions, will attend in full uniform, pursuant to the regulations; their sword-hilts and the banner of the Commandery being suitably dressed in mourning.

4. On the coffin of the deceased Sir Knight will be placed his hat and sword, and, if an officer, his jewel, trimmed with crape.

5. The E. Commander will preside during the services, and, assisted by the Prelate, lead in the ceremonies, pursuant to the Ritual. If Grand Officers, or Past Grand Officers, be present, they will be allotted a place in the procession according to their rank; and if the Grand Prelate, or a Past Grand Prelate, be present, he will take the place of the Prelate.

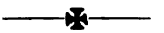
6. The Sir Knights will assemble at their Asylum, and march to the residence of the deceased, in the usual order of processions, the line being headed by the Warder, and the officers being in the rear, according to rank—that is, the E. Commander last; the Prelate being preceded by the Holy Writings, carried on a cushion, and the arms and hat of the deceased borne in the rear of the E. Commander. On arriving at the house the lines are opened, and the E. Commander passes to the front,

and receives the body, placing the hat and sword on the coffin, as above directed.

7. The procession is then formed as before; the body, with the mourners and citizens present, being in the rear of the Sir Knights, and in front of the officers. If the services are performed at a church or place of public worship, the procession, on arriving, will enter in reversed order, the E. Commander and Prelate, with the other officers, preceding the body and mourners.

8. When the public or religious services are concluded, the face of the deceased will be uncovered, and the Sir Knights (or a detachment of them) will form the "cross of steel" over the body, the E. Commander, with the Prelate, being at the head of the coffin, and the other officers at the foot.

9. When more convenient or desirable, the part of the service, before going to the grave as here indicated, may be performed at the house of the deceased, or be deferred till at the grave.



FUNERAL SERVICE.

The funeral service of Knighthood will be conducted according to the following Ritual:

E. COMMANDER. *Sir Knights*—In the solemn rites of our Order, we have often been reminded of the great truth that we are born to die. Mortality has been brought to view, that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life, where death can come no more forever. The sad and mournful funeral knell has betokened that another spirit has winged its flight to a new state of existence. An alarm has come to the door of our Asylum, and the messenger was Death, and none presumed to say to the awful presence: "Who dare approach?" A pilgrim warrior has been summoned, and "there is no discharge in that war." A burning taper of life, in our Commandery, has been extinguished, and none, save the High and Holy One, can relight it. All that remains of our beloved Companion Sir Knight lies mute before us, and the light of the eye, and the breathing of the lips, in their language of fraternal greeting, have ceased for us forever on this side of the grave. His sword, vowed only to be drawn in the cause of truth,

justice, and rational liberty, reposes still in its scabbard, and our arms can no more shield him from wrong or oppression.

The Sir Knights here return arms.

It is meet, at such a time, that we should be silent, and let the words of the Infinite and Undying speak, that we may gather consolation from His revelations, and impress upon our minds lessons of wisdom and instruction, and the meetness of preparation for the last great change which must pass upon us all.

Let us be reverently attentive while Sir Knight, our Prelate, reads to us a lesson from the Holy Scriptures.

PRELATE. Help, Lord! for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

RESPONSE. Help us, oh Lord!

PRELATE. The Righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

RESPONSE. Hear us, oh Lord!

PRELATE. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

RESPONSE. Be nigh unto us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. The Lord redeemeth the souls of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

RESPONSE. Redeem us, oh Lord!

PRELATE. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

RESPONSE. Redeem us, oh Lord!

PRELATE. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for he shall receive me.

RESPONSE. Redeem us, oh, Lord!

PRELATE. Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Shall thy loving kindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

RESPONSE. Save us, oh Lord!

PRELATE. We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

RESPONSE. Teach us, oh Lord!

PRELATE. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are

dust. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him.

RESPONSE. Show mercy, oh Lord!

PRELATE. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

RESPONSE. O death, where is thy sting! O grave, where is thy victory!

PRELATE. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE. Thanks be to God!

E. COMMANDER. Shall the memory of our departed brother fade from among men?

RESPONSE. It is cherished in our soul forever!

E. COMMANDER. Shall no record be left of his virtues and worth?

RESPONSE. It is inscribed upon our hearts; it is written in our archives; the heart may cease to throb, and the archives may moulder and decay; but the tablets of the Recording Angel on high can never perish.

The Recorder here opens the Book of Records of the Commandery, on which a page is set apart, suitably inscribed, and says:

Thus it is written:

The Sir Knights uncover, and bow their heads.

E. COMMANDER. He was a true and courteous Knight, and has fallen in life's struggle full knightly with his armor on, prepared for knightly deeds.

PRELATE. Rest to his ashes, and peace to his soul!

RESPONSE. Rest to his ashes, and peace to his soul!

PRELATE. Sovereign Ruler of the Universe! into thy hands we devoutly and submissively commit the departed spirit.

RESPONSE. Thy will be done, oh, God!

The following hymn will be sung:

Precious in the sight of heaven
  Is the scene where Christians die;
Souls with all their sins forgiven,
  To the courts of glory fly:
Ev'ry sorrow, ev'ry burden,
  Ev'ry cross they lay it down;
Jesus gives them richest guerdon
  In his own immortal crown.

Here above our brother weeping,
  Through our tears we seize this hope,
He in Jesus sweetly sleeping
  Shall awake to glory up.
He has borne his cross in sorrow—
  Weary pilgrim all forlorn—
When the sun shines bright to-morrow
  'Twill reveal his sparkling crown.

Knight of Christ, your ranks are broken!
  Close your front, the Foe is nigh!
Shield to shield, behold the token
  As he saw it in the sky!
BY THIS SIGN, so bright, so glorious,
  YOU SHALL CONQUER! if you strive,
And, like him, though dead, victorious,
  In the sight of Jesus live.

The following Prayer will then be made by the Prelate, or an extemporaneous Prayer may be made by him, or by any Clergyman present, as may be preferred.

Father of Lights, in this dark and trying hour of calamity and sorrow we humbly lift our hearts to Thee. Give us, we pray, that light which cometh down from above. Thou hast mercifully said in Thy holy word that the bruised reed Thou wouldst not break; remember in mercy, oh, Lord, before Thee. [Be Thou at this hour the Father of the Fatherless and the widow's God. Administer to them the consolations which they so sorely need.] Cause us to look away from these sad scenes of frail mortality to the hopes which lie beyond the grave, and bind us yet closer together in the ties of brotherly love and affection. While we

see how frail is man, and how uncertain the continuance of our lives upon the earth, and are reminded of our own mortality, lead us by Thy grace and spirit to turn our thoughts to those things which make for our everlasting peace; and give us a frame of mind to make a proper improvement of all the admonitions of Thy providence, and fix our thoughts more devotedly on Thee, the only sure refuge in time of need. And at last, when our earthly pilgrimage shall be ended, "when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken," oh, wilt Thou in that moment of mortal extremity, be indeed *Immanuel*—Christ with us; may "the lamp of Thy love" dispel the gloom of the dark valley, and we be enabled by the commendations of Thy Son to gain admission into the blessed Asylum above; and in Thy glorious presence, amidst its ineffable mysteries, enjoy a union with the spirits of the departed, perfect as is the happiness of heaven, and durable as the eternity of God. *Amen!*

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen, and Amen!

The procession will then form, and march to the place of interment in the same order as before.

On arriving at the place, while forming in order, a suitable Dirge, or the following Hymn may be sung:

(AIR—Pleyel's Hymn.)

Softly, sadly bear him forth
To his dark and silent bed;
Weep not that he's lost to earth,
Weep not that his spirit's fled.

By our trials, hope and fear,
By our anguish keenly felt,
Let us trust God will be near
When we're at His altar knelt.

This, our brother, gone before,
May we in remembrance keep,
Hoping, as time passes o'er,
We shall meet where none e'er weep.

Sadly now we leave his form
In the tomb to moulder still
Hoping, 'n the eternal morn,
Christ His promise will fulfill.

One last look—one parting sigh;
Ah, too sad for words to tell!
Yet, though tears now dim each eye,
Hope we still, and sigh farewell!

On reaching the grave, the Sir Knights will form a triangle around it, the base being at the foot, the E. Commander and Prelate being at the head of the grave, and the friends and relatives at the foot, and the services will thus proceed:

PRELATE. Sir Knights: There is one sacred spot upon the earth where the foot-falls of our march are unheeded; our trumpets quicken no pulse, and incite no fear; the rustling of our banners and the gleam of our swords awaken no emotion—it is the silent city of the dead, where we now stand. Awe rests upon every heart, and the stern warrior's eyes are bedewed with feelings which never shame his manhood. It needs no siege, nor assault, nor beleaguering host to enter its walls; we fear no sortie, and listen for no battle-shout. No Warder's challenge greets the ear, nor do we wait a while with patience for permission to enter.

Hither must we all come at last; and the stoutest heart and the manliest form that surrounds me will then be led a captive, without title or rank, in the chains of mortality and the habiliments of slavery to the King of Terrors.

But if he has been faithful to the Captain of his salvation, a true soldier of the Cross; if he has offered suitable gifts at the shrine of his departed Lord, and bears the signet of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, then may he claim to be of that princely house, and to be admitted to audience with the Sovereign Master of Heaven and Earth. Then will he be stripped of the chains of earthly captivity, and clothed in a white garment, glistening as the sun, and be seated with princes and rulers, and partake of a libation, not of death and sorrow, but of that wine which is drank forever new in the Father's kingdom above.

We cannot come here without subdued hearts and softened affections. Often, as the challenge comes which takes from our side some loved associate, some cherished companion in arms, and often as the trumpet sounds its wailing notes to summon us to the death-bed, and to the brink of the sepulchre, we cannot contemplate "the last of earth" unmoved. Each successive death-note snaps some fibre which binds us to this lower existence, and makes us pause and reflect upon that dark

and gloomy chamber where we must all terminate our pilgrimage. Well will it be for our peace then, if we can wash our hands, not only in token of sincerity, but of every guilty stain, and give honest and satisfactory answers to the questions required.

The sad and solemn scene now before us stirs up these recollections with a force and vivid power which we have hitherto unfelt. He who now slumbers in that last, long, unbroken sleep of death, was our brother. With him have we walked the pilgrimage of life, and kept watch and ward together in its vicissitudes and trials. He is now removed beyond the effect of our praise or censure. That we loved him, our presence here evinces, and remember him in scenes to which the world was not witness, and where the better feelings of humanity were exhibited without disguise. That he had faults and foibles, is but to repeat what his mortality demonstrates—that he had a human nature, not divine. Over those errors, whatever they may have been, we cast, while living, the mantle of charity; it should, with much more reason, enshroud him in death. We, who have been taught to extend the point of charity, even to a foe, when fallen, cannot be severe or merciless toward a loved brorher.

The memory of his virtues lingers in our remembrance, and reflects its shining lustre beyond the portals of the tomb. The earthen vase which has contained precious odors will lose none of its fragrance though the clay be broken and shattered. So be it with our brother's memory.

The Junior Warden then removes the sword and hat from the coffin, which last will then be lowered into the grave, while the Prelate repeats as follows:

PRELATE. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die." To the earth we commit the mortal remains of our deceased brother, as we have already commended his soul to his Creator, with humble submission to Divine Providence. (*Here cast some earth on the coffin.*) Earth to earth; (*here cast again,*) ashes to ashes; (*here cast more earth,*) dust to dust; till the morn of the resurrection, when, like our risen and ascended Redeemer, he will break the bands of death, and abide the judgment of the great day. Till then, friend, brother, Sir Knight, farewell!

Light be the ashes upon thee, and "may the sunshine of Heaven beam bright on thy waking!"

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen and Amen!

The Junior Warden then presents the sword to the E. Commander, who says:

E. COMMANDER. Our departed brother Sir Knight was taught, while living, that this sword, in his hands, as a true and courteous Knight, was endowed with three most estimable qualities: its hilt with *fortitude* undaunted; its blade with *justice* impartial; and its point with *mercy* unrestrained. To this lesson, with its deep emblematical significance, we trust he gave wise heed. He could never grasp it without being reminded of the lively significance of the attributes it inculcated. He has borne the pangs of dissolving nature—may we trust that it was with the same *fortitude* that he sustained the trials of this passing existence; to his name and memory be *justice* done, as we hope to receive the like meed ourselves; and may that *mercy*, unrestrained, which is the glorious attribute of the Son of God, interpose in his behalf to blunt the sword of divine justice, and admit him to the blessed companionship of saints and angels in the realms of light and life eternal!

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen and Amen!

The Senior Warden then presents a Cross to the Prelate, who says:

PRELATE. This symbol of faith—the Christian's hope and the Christian's trust—we again place upon the breast of our brother, there to remain till the last trumpet shall sound, and earth and sea yield up their dead. Though it may, in the past history of our race, have been perverted, at times, into an ensign of oppression and crime, and wrong; though it may have been made the emblem of fraud, and superstition, and moral darkness; yet its significance still remains as the badge of a Christian warrior. It calls to mind Gethsemane, and its sorrowful Garden; the judgment-hall of Pilate, and the pitiless crown of thorns; Golgotha and Calvary, and their untold agonies, that fallen man might live and inherit everlasting life. If an inspired Apostle was not ashamed of the Cross, neither should we be; if he gloried in the significance of the truths it shadowed forth, so ought we to rejoice in it as the speaking witness of our reliance beyond the grave. May this hope of the living have been the anchor to the soul of our departed

brother—the token to admit him to that peaceful haven "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen and Amen!

The Prelate then casts the Cross into the grave, and continues:

PRELATE. The Orders of Christian Knighthood were instituted in a dark period of the world's history, but their mission was high and holy. To succor and protect the sorrowing and destitute, the innocent and oppressed, their vow and their life-long labor and duty. For long, long years, they well and nobly performed their vows, and did their devoirs. In those rude ages, the steel blade was oftener the arbiter of justice than the judgments of judicial tribunals, or the decrees of magistrates. So long as the Templars adhered to their vows of poverty, they were virtuous and innocent; and their language was, in truth, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I unto thee." But, with the accession of wealth and civil power, they were tempted, and fell from their high estate; and their possessions attracted the cupidity, and their prowess incurred the hatred of the despots of those times. When the martyred De Molay had perished, and the Order was proscribed, they united with the fraternity of Free and accepted Masons, and returned to their primitive simplicity of manners; and a rough habit, coarse diet, and severe duty, was all that was offered to their votaries.

In our land, we have perpetuated only the distinctive rites, with the appellations and regulations of the defenders of the Holy Sepulchre—the early champions and soldiers of the Cross—and this, as a guerdon of merit, not a badge of rank. The sword, in our hands, is more as a symbol of the duties we are vowed to fulfill, than as an instrument of assault or defense. We claim to exercise practical virtues in the holy bonds of our confraternity, in humble imitation of those renowned Knights of the olden time; for there is still in this refined age innocence to be guarded, widowed hearts to be relieved of their burdens, and orphanage to be protected from the chill blasts of a wintry world. And to be true and courteous is not limited to any age or clime.

Our brother whose cold and lifeless remains have just been committed to the earth, was one of our fraternal band, bound by the same ties, and pledged to the same duties. To his bereaved and mourning friends and relatives we have but little of worldly consolation to offer, but we

do tender to them our heartfelt sympathies. And if the solemn and interesting ceremonies in which we have been engaged have not pointed to them a higher hope and a better consolation, then all condolences would be in vain.

Sir Knight companions, let us pray:

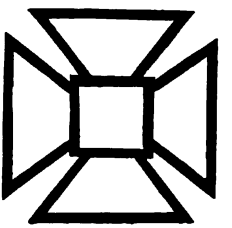
Here all repeat the Lord's prayer.

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen, and Amen!

E. COMMANDER. Attention, Sir Knights.

The lines are then formed, and the Cross of Steel made over the grave.

The Sir Knights may then escort the friends of the deceased to their homes, or return to their Asylum, as may be expedient.



Register of Grand Commanderies Acknowledging the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

STATE.	GRAND COMMANDER.	RESIDENCE.	GRAND RECORDER.	RESIDENCE.	ANNUAL CONCLAVE
Grand Encampment	Sir Benjamin B. French	Washington, D. C.	Sir Samuel G. Risk	New Orleans, La.	Triennially.
California	Sir Leander Ranson	San Francisco	Sir A. G. Abell	San Francisco	November.
Connecticut	Sir George F. Daskam		Sir E. G. Storer	New Haven	May.
Illinois	Sir J. V. Z. Blaney	Chicago	Sir W. H. Turner	Alton	October.
Indiana	Sir Geo. W. Porter	New Albany	Sir Francis King	Indianapolis	December.
Kentucky	Sir Stephen F. Gano	Georgetown	Sir W. M. Samuels	Paris	May.
Maine	Sir Freeman Bradford	Portland	Sir Ira Berry	Portland	May.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Sir Winslow Lewis	Boston	Sir Wm. H. L. Smith	Boston	October.
Michigan	Sir William P. Innes	Grand Rapids	Sir G. W. Wilson	Lyons	June.
Mississippi	Sir Giles M. Hillyear	Natchez	Sir R. W. T. Daniel	Jackson	January.
New York	Sir Charles G. Judd	Penn Yan	Sir Robert Macoy	New York	September.
Ohio	Sir J. H. Achey		Sir J. D. Caldwell	Cincinnati	October.
Pennsylvania	Sir William H. Allen	Philadelphia	Sir Alfred Creigh	Washington	June.
Texas	Sir George M. Patrick	Anderson	Sir A. Neill	Sequin	June.
Vermont	Sir B. Davenport		Sir J. B. Hollenbeck	Burlington	January.
Virginia	Sir E. H. Gill	Lynchburg	Sir John Dove	Richmond	December.
Wisconsin	Sir Henry W. Palmer	Milwaukee	Sir John W. Hunt	Madison	January.

William P. Innes,

GRAND COMMANDER.

1861.

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OF THE REGULAR CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan convened at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, June 4, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir Wm. P. Innes, R. E. Grand Commander.
Frank Darrow, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
John Clark, E. Grand Generalissimo.
L. R. Atwater, E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. D. B. Tracey, E. Grand Prelate.
A. B. Ayres, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Rev. D. Brayton Lyon, *as* E. Grand Junior Warden.
Wm. Barclay, E. Grand Treasurer.
Geo. W. Wilson, E. Grand Recorder.
Benjamin Porter, Jr., E. Grand Standard Bearer.
D. B. Nichols, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
C. S. Mott, *as* E. Grand Warder.
Chas. D. Howard, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers were stationed at their respective posts, and the Grand Commandery opened in ample form.

On motion, a committee consisting of Sir Knights A. B. Cudworth, J. W. Sligh and B. Porter, Jr., was appointed to examine credentials of delegates to this Conclave, who reported the following Sir Knights as entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

The Grand Officers.

Past Grand Commanders.

Past Deputy Grand Commanders.

Past Grand Generalissimos.

Past Grand Captains General.

Past Eminent Commanders of Subordinates.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

C. S. Mott, proxy for E. C.

G. B. Noble, G.

J. J. Rhodes, C. G.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

A. B. Cudworth, proxy for Commandery.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

Richard Rowe, E. C.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

James W. Sligh, E. C.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Abijah Palmer, C. G., and proxy for E. C. and G.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

Ralph Wadhams, C. G., and proxy for E. C. and G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

Ebenezer Sprague, proxy for Commandery.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

James A. Dyer, proxy for E. C. and G.

C. A. Weismore, C. G.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

S. L. Dart, E. C.

B. F. Doughty, proxy for G.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight Sligh offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all true and courteous Sir Knights be invited to visit this Grand Body during its present session.

On motion of Sir Knight L. R. Atwater, the reading of the minutes

of the last session was dispensed with, the proceedings having been published and distributed.

Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the subject of Regalia be referred to a special committee to report at the next session of this Grand Commandery, and that until such report, the action of this Grand Body making it imperative for the several members thereof to appear in the regalia, recently adopted by the Grand Encampment, be suspended.

Sir Knight J. W. Sligh offered the following resolution, to lie upon the table until the next Annual Conclave:

Resolved, That in Art. I., Sec. IV., of the Constitution of this Grand Body, the word June be stricken out, and the word August substituted.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

On Dispensations and Charters—

J. J. Rhodes, Ralph Wadhams, C. A. Weismore.

On Doings of Grand Officers—

A. B. Cudworth, Richard Rowe, L. A. Huntoon.

On Finance—

Jas. W. Sligh, D. B. Nichols, S. L. Dart.

On Masonic Jurisprudence—

Frank Darrow, John Clark, Isaac Crawford.

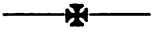
On Returns—

S. L. Dart, B. F. Doughty, E. Sprague.

On Foreign Correspondence—

Geo. W. Wilson, James A. Dyer, Rev. D. B. Tracey.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning.



Wednesday, June 5—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Body was called to order by the R. E. G. Commander, who addressed the Sir Knights as follows:

SIR KNIGHTS:—Once again, through the goodness of a kind Providence, we are assembled together in Fraternal and Knightly embrace; we are permitted to enter into this our Asylum; bend our knees in humble devotion at the "Holy Shrine," and return to the Savior of Mankind our heartfelt thanks for the many manifestations of His great goodness, and to show our gratitude to Him, for His abundant kindness to us all the past year.

We are permitted again to meet each other after having performed another year of pilgrimage here on earth, and in this our happy reunion how grateful ought we to be that so many of our number have been preserved in life and health by the Great Giver of all good again to rejoice in the presence of each other, and renew our vows of fidelity to our cause, and to feel more and more strengthened to perform our many duties as Sir Knights, and to fight manfully under our banners. Let us return our grateful thanks to the Author of all Good for allowing us once more in peace and fraternal union to assemble together to consider the welfare of "Templar Masonry," and with hand to hand, and heart to heart, renew our pledge to guard our Sacred Triangle, and redouble our efforts to extend throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction the noble tenets of our Order.

In compliance with our Constitution, I herewith submit for your consideration, the report of my official acts since our last meeting, as well as such other matters as I consider entitled to your consideration.

Since our last Annual Conclave scarcely anything has occurred within our jurisdiction, that requires more than a passing notice. Peace, blessed peace, has prevailed within our borders, and we have been pursuing our labors uninterrupted by the "enemy from without."

The financial difficulties existing throughout our jurisdiction the past year has prevented our subordinates from increasing their numbers to any great extent. But if the year past has been occupied by improving and disciplining those already initiated into our mysteries, and instructing them in the noble tenets of our Order, then has it been well spent, and no Sir Knight can consider it as time lost.

At the last meeting of this Grand Body, charters were granted for the constituting of two new Commanderies: one to be located in the city of Jackson, to be known and designated as Jackson Commandery, No. 9; the other to be located in the village of Coldwater, to be known and designated as Jacobs Commandery, No. 10.

Upon the 11th of July I visited the village of Coldwater and duly

constituted the new Commandery at this place, and installed its officers. This Commandery is supported by true and courteous Sir Knights, known alike for their general intelligence and high appreciation of the sublime moral principles of our Order and their devotion to our ancient landmarks.

On July 25th I visited the city of Jackson and duly constituted Jackson Commandery and installed its officers. In this pleasant duty I was assisted by that magnanimous and valiant Sir Knight, J. Ely Parker, of Illinois, the grandson of "that noble true-heated Red-Jacket."

That noble Sir Knight, ever ready to sacrifice pleasure for labor, was persuaded while traveling through our State (from afar) to halt awhile and aid us in dedicating this new Asylum to the noble patrons of our Order.

We have much reason to believe and hope this Commandery will rank first among our number. The Sir Knights who constitute its officers and members are experienced and faithful workmen. The assiduity of the officers, and their skill in the secret mysteries of our Order, as well as the auspicious commencement of their labors, point them out as entitled to receive the "Honors and awards that await the Templar."

On the 4th day of March, I read a petition from certain Sir Knights, praying that a dispensation be granted them to open and form a Commandery in the village of Ionia, to be known and designated as Ionia Commandery, No. 14, and recommending Sir Geo. W. Wilson, first E. C.; Sir Frederick Hall, first G.; and Sir J. C. Blanchard, C. G. After mature deliberation I decided to grant the petition as it was signed by some of our brightest lights, and by those to whom I felt our glorious Banner could be with safety confided.

They will undoubtedly present themselves at this session and request a charter. I would most cordially recommend them to your consideration, and ask that a charter be granted them, and that they be admitted as one among our number.

At the last session of this Grand Body a committee of three, of whom our valiant Sir Knight Tracey was chairman, was appointed to procure and present to our much esteemed P. E. G. Commanders, Sirs John Gilbert and Nathl. P. Jacobs, a P. G. Commander's Jewel, as a slight token from this Grand Body of the high esteem they entertain for those worthy Sir Knights. I understand that pleasing duty has

been performed by the committee. They will, I presume, make a report of their doings in the premises to this Grand Body.

At our last Annual Conclave a resolution was adopted by the Grand Commandery, requiring the R. E. G. Commander, by himself or proxy, to instruct the subordinate Commanderies (within this jurisdiction) in the work and tactics as exemplified by the General Grand Encampment, at its last session in Chicago. In conformity with that resolution, and soon after the adjournment of this Grand Body, I opened a correspondence with our M. E. Grand Master, B. B. French, to procure from him the correct work and tactics as adopted by the committee, appointed by the General Grand Encampment. I have had much correspondence with him the past year on this matter, (the last communication dated in April) in which he informs me that up to that time the committee had not completed their labors, but as soon as they did, he would forward to this jurisdiction the work as recommended; at the same time he affectionately recommended that no change be made in the work of this State until we should be able to make the change conform to the adopted work.

I was of that opinion myself, knowing that it was a much harder task to unlearn (if I may so express it) than to learn. I have therefore taken no action in this matter, leaving it in the hands of each Commander to instruct his Commandery according to the work and tactics as promulgated heretofore throughout this jurisdiction, feeling confident that as soon as *the* work was "brought to light" we would conform to it.

At the last Grand Conclave the following motion was made:

Resolved, That Detroit Commandery be and is hereby directed to certify to this Grand Body at its next session, the action, whatever it may be, that it has taken in reference to the request of this Grand Body, regarding the restoration of Allyn Weston to the rights and benefits of a Knight Templar.

I have written to the E. C. of Detroit Commandery and requested him to have such certified copies of the doings of said Detroit Commandery, as would enable this Grand Body to act understandingly in the matter.

Sir Knights, in this connection I would earnestly and affectionately ask that the entire subject matter of the restoration of Sir Knights Roberts, Ensworth and Weston be referred to a special committee, selected from among the most able and judicious of our number, and

that they lay before this body the action taken by that Commandery in each of these several cases. The question is indeed a grave one, and one that, in my opinion, requires some further action at our hands.

By reference to the proceedings of our special Conclave, held in our Asylum on the 11th January, 1860, A. O. 742, we find the following preamble and resolutions unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The differences heretofore existing between Monroe Chapter, No. 1, and Peninsular Chapter, No. 16, have been mutually and honorably settled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Body most earnestly recommend to Detroit Commandery to reinstate (without delay) Sir Knights Roberts, Ensworth and Weston to all the rights and benefits of Knights Templar.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded forthwith to Detroit Commandery, No. 1.

It is well known to every Sir Knight within this Asylum that the intention of that action (even if not technically so expressed) was to reinstate those Sir Knights as members in "*good standing*" in Detroit Commandery, as well as every other right and benefit to which a Knight in good standing is entitled, and to put them back where they would have been had the difficulties never existed that caused their expulsion. The only charge brought against them being that of belonging to a clandestine Chapter, and that having been declared legal by the highest Masonic authority, it does appear to me no more than an act of justice to fully reinstate them. For some time after our special Conclave, I supposed the said Sir Knights had been restored to membership in Monroe Commandery. I have since been informed that such is not the case, and that by that action they only restored them to the benefits of Knights Templar, thus defeating the very object of the action of the special session.

Now, Sir Knights, the question is, under the peculiar circumstances of this case (without any special pleading), ought these Sir Knights, one or more of whom rank first among our number as wise and accomplished Masons, to be excluded from the membership so dear to all without more cause than at present exists against them? I say, rather let us extend the point of charity to them. This is a matter of grave importance, and the cause of much sorrow to one or more, at least, of those Sir Knights, and I would respectfully urge such action in the premises as prudence, wisdom and a knightly sense of honor may dic-

tate. Placing, as I do, a firm reliance on the magnanimous Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery to acquiesce in your action in this vexed question, let no informalities or "quirks in the law" deter us from acting the magnanimous part. Let these Sir Knights once more be admitted and take their place in our ranks. Let them unite with us and wield their sword in defense of our noble and glorious Institutions. Let us, my Sir Knights, once more dwell together in unity. Let us present within our jurisdiction one unbroken front, and march on in solid phalanx, shoulder to shoulder, and let us show to the world an exemplification of that harmony, peace and love we profess, and which so truly become the humble followers of the Cross.

Sir Knights, while Masonic peace reigns throughout the length and breadth of our land, while around our sacred altar we bend our knees in humble thanks to the Supreme Grand Architect above for the many blessings we have enjoyed the past year, our hearts revert with feelings of deep sorrow to the unhappy state of our beloved country.

The dust of approaching battle begins to raise in our eyes, forces are gathered upon every side, and nothing is heard but the dread cry of war —friends, neighbors, yea brothers, bound together by the strongest Masonic obligations, are arrayed against each other, and our ears are filled with the cries which far and near urge on the excited host.

An awful fratracidal war is upon us, our country is agitated from the center to the circumference, and well may we look around with astonishment and say, "Truly the ways of Providence are past finding out."

The God of Love who reigns above and rules the destinies of nations can alone avert this awful conflict. Sir Knights, let each and every one of us exert every means within our power to abate this dreadful calamity, this fratracidal war. Let each and every one remember how often and under what pleasing circumstances we have mingled in fraternal brotherhood with our brethren of our beloved Order from the North to the South, from the East to the West. Oh, let us remember how we are bound by mutual vows in an everlasting covenant. Let us remember these things, and with hearts on fire with love for each other and our beloved country, go forth as best we may, and implore the Father above that if it be His will, this bitter cup may pass from us, and this dreadful calamity be settled by the arbitration of peace instead of war. Let us, my beloved Sir Knights, labor and pray that such councils may take place between the contending parties (who have been for so many years bound together by all the sacred ties known upon earth), as to

restore peace and harmony throughout our beloved land. Let each and every Templar, as one man, unite in one grand effort to prevent the shedding of fraternal blood, and inaugurate that blessed result which our Lord and Savior initiated, "Peace on earth and good will to men," and let us remember the words spoken by Him, "Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God." Let us remember that Masonry has no sectional divisions. It is one and the same everywhere; it has no dividing line; all are members of the same fold, learning and teaching the same lessons of peace and order.

The Mason of the North can never cease to regard and receive as a brother the Mason of the South. Believe me, Sir Knights, conservative Masonry can, even at this late day, do much to hush the tempest, to calm the storm, and chase away the clouds which for a time have darkened our national horizon, and the lessons taught us around our altar will afford us consolation and give us strength in this our hour of gloom and day of trial.

In August last I received a communication from B. B. French, M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of United States, of which the following is a copy:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
B. B. FRENCH, G. MASTER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF U. S.

To Whomsoever it May Concern:

I have just received from our V. E. Frater, Sir M. Shuttleworth, Grand Vice Chancellor of the Grand Masonic Conclave of Knights Templar of England and Wales, official information of the death of V. E. Frater Sir John Masson, Grand Chancellor of that illustrious body.

Our distinguished and respected frater has been long known by reputation to the Templars of the United States. He was appointed by my most eminent predecessor in office, the Hon. William Blackstone Hubbard, on the 24th of March, 1858, Representative of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States to the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, which high office he held at the time of his decease. Thus has been removed from our Earthly Temple one who was beloved and honored by all who knew him; one who was not only a high and most faithful officer of the Grand Conclave of England and Wales, but was officially connected with the Grand Encampment of the United States; who possesses our high respect and perfect confidence, and whose sudden and unexpected decease "after a few hours' illness" we sincerely mourn.

To the officers and members of that Grand Conclave we tender our fraternal

sympathies at their sad bereavement, and heartily join them in bearing our testimony to the worth, ability, zeal and goodness of their departed frater.

As a proper testimony of respect to the memory of our deceased frater, and with sympathy of our brethren of England and Wales, I hereby direct that this letter be read in each Commandery to which it may come, and that all Knights Templar within our Grand Jurisdiction do, when on duty, wear the usual badge of mourning (crape on the hilt of the sword) for thirty days from the time this order becomes known unto them.

Our Very Eminent Grand Recorder will cause this letter to be made patent, and will address copies thereof, under his signature and the official seal of our Grand Encampment, to each Grand Officer and Past Grand Officer thereof, to each Right Eminent Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery, and to the Eminent Commander of each Commandery immediately subordinate to our Grand Encampment.

Given under my hand and private seal, at the city of Washington, on the 1st June, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742, and attested by the signature of the Grand Recorder, and the seal of our Grand Encampment, at the city of New Orleans, La., on this 11th day of June, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742.

[L. S.] B. B. FRENCH, *Grand Master.*

SAMUEL G. RISK, *Grand Recorder.*

In accordance with the above communication, I directed our E. Grand Recorder to promulgate the same to every Commandery within our jurisdiction, feeling assured that all Sir Knights would cheerfully comply with the direction of our M. E. Grand Master French, and wear the usual badge of mourning, not only as a token of the high esteem entertained for our deceased Sir Knight, but as a mark of respect to the Grand Conclave of England and Wales (by whom he was so much honored and beloved), with which we are so closely allied in the bonds of Knighthood.

I would respectfully recommend that such notice be taken of the death of this great and good man as will express our deep sympathy with the Order throughout the United States, as well as with the Grand Conclave of England and Wales.

Sir Knights, I come before you at this time to divest myself of the high and important trust confided in me through your voices the past year.

Proud as I have been in the possession of this elevated position

(which circumstances of a private nature must prevent my again accepting,) I will with much pleasure resign to the worthy Sir Knight "who from amongst your number may be elected to fill the vacancy," and to him I can only reiterate what was uttered on a more important occasion: "May the Lord lift up the light of His reconciled countenance upon him and keep him from falling."

Sir Knights, I cannot take leave of you in this my official relation, without thanking you for your many marks of kindness and confidence in appointing me to fill the position I now occupy, as well as the many other places of trust, with which I have been honored since the organization of this Grand Body. I thank you, Sir Knights, with feelings overflowing with love for your kind forbearance towards my many imperfections, and your fraternal courtesy towards me, which has made my office doubly delightful. If in the discharge of my duties I have done ought that was wrong, it has been, I assure you, an error of the head and not of the heart, and I beg you to so consider it. I shall ever feel my elevation to the position I have occupied the past year as the proudest period of my life, and now in returning again to the fraternal ranks, I leave my best wishes with you, my worthy Sir Knights, and my earnest prayer to God will be that peace, love and harmony may ever surround you, and that after the peformance of your pilgrimage here on earth, you may receive the joyous welcome, "well done, good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Lord."

On motion, the address of the R. E. G. C. was referred to a special committee, consisting of Sir Knights Benj. F. Porter, Jr., Ralph Wadhams, and G. B. Noble.

Sir Knight Rev. D. B. Tracey submitted the following report of correspondence, relating to the presentation of a jewel to P. E. G. Commander Sir N. P. Jacobs:

MOUNT CLEMENS, October 4, 1860.

Hon. Sir Knight Jacobs, R. E. P. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

In behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, agreeably to a resolution adopted at its last session, I have the pleasure of presenting you herewith a Past Grand Commander's Jewel.

[The Jewel is a heavy Patriarchal Cross of gold with this inscription

"Presented to the R. E. Past Grand Commander

NATHL. P. JACOBS,

on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. Detroit, June 7, A. D. 1860.]'.

Hoping that you may wear it with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

D. B. TRACEY,

Chairman of Committee.

(REPLY.)

DETROIT, October 6, 1860.

Rev. Sir Knight D. B. Tracey, and Members of the Committee.

SIR KNIGHTS:—I am this day in receipt of your favor of the 4th inst. with the accompanying jewel, therein mentioned. Not only for the same, and for the courteous and kindly sentiments expressed by you, but for the resolutions adopted by the Grand Commandery in reference thereto, please accept for yourselves and in appropriate terms convey to that Body my most sincere and heartfelt thanks. I am more than repaid for the time and labor spent in its service. Called to preside over its deliberations, and to direct its action amidst intestine dissentions and foreign difficulties, with the aid and counsel of your Grand Officers, at home, and in the Grand Encampment of the United States, we have seen our troubles removed and the jurisdiction of our State Grand Commandery firmly established.

From our own experience we can now appreciate, "How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity."

That the Knights Templar of Michigan under the kind guardianship of their great typical head may long so dwell is the sincere prayer of your late Grand Commander.

NATHL. P. JACOBS.

Ordered to be engrossed in the minutes.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following:

To the R. E. G. Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report, that they are in receipt of proceedings of the following named Grand Commanderies, to-wit:

ALABAMA—Montgomery, December 1, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Richard F. Knott, G. C., Mobile; E. Sir Edmund M. Hastings, G. R., Montgomery.

CALIFORNIA—San Francisco, November 13, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742.

R. E. Sir Jas. L. English, G. C., Sacramento; E. Sir Alexander G. Abell, G. R., San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT—Hartford, May 12, A. D. 1859, A. O. 741; New Haven, May 10, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Geo. F. Daskam, G. C., Norwalk; E. Sir E. G. Storer, G. R., New Haven.

ILLINOIS—Chicago, October 23, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Hosmer A. Johnson, G. C., Chicago; E. Sir Geo. W. Deering, G. R., Chicago.

INDIANA—Indianapolis, December 5, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Solomon D. Bayless, G. C., Fort Wayne; E. Sir Francis King, G. R., Indianapolis.

KENTUCKY—Lexington, June 7, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Henry R. Orr, G. C., Paris, Bourbon Co.; E. Sir Wm. M. Samuel, G. R., Paris, Bourbon Co.

MAINE—Portland, May 1, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir John Williams, G. C., Bangor; E. Sir Ira Berry, G. R., Portland.

MISSOURI—St. Louis, May 22, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Geo. W. Belt, G. C., Weston; E. Sir Edward G. Herriott, G. R., Weston.

MISSISSIPPI—Vicksburg, May 2, A. D. 1859, A. O. 741; Vicksburg, January 20-21, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742; Vicksburg, January 25, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir B. S. Tappan, G. C., Vicksburg; E. Sir R. W. T. Dahiel, G. R., Jackson.

NEW JERSEY—Trenton, June 5, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742; Trenton, September 15, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir John Hilton, G. C., Jersey City; E. Sir Chas. G. Milnor, G. R., Burlington.

TENNESSEE—Nashville, October 10, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Lucius J. Polk, G. C., Columbia; E. Sir Morton B. Howell, G. R., Nashville.

TEXAS—Huntsville, June 22, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir J. J. McBride, G. C., Navarro; E. Sir Andrew Neill, G. R., Galveston.

VERMONT—Burlington, January 8, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Gamaliel Washburn, G. C., Montpelier; E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck, G. R., Burlington.

VIRGINIA—Richmond, December 13, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. R. E. Sir Edward H. Gill, G. C., Richmond; E. Sir John Dove, G. R., Richmond.

WISCONSIN—Milwaukee, January 2, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Henry L. Palmer, G. C., Milwaukee; E. Sir Wm. T. Palmer, G. R., Milwaukee.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Commandery was first organized by a conference of delegates, representing four different commanderies, held at Montgomery, November 29, A. D. 1860, at which time the First Annual Conclave was appointed for December 1, A. D. 1860, at Montgomery, at which time and place the Grand Commandery of Alabama assembled and held their first Annual Conclave under a warrant from M. E. Sir B. B. French, Grand Master. Five Commanderies were represented.

The Grand Officers were installed by the R. E. Grand Commander of Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Alabama has five subordinates, four of which return 142 Sir Knights.

CALIFORNIA.

This Grand Commandery held its Third Annual Conclave in the city of San Francisco, November 13, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742. Six Commanderies were represented.

California has seven subordinates and returns 189 Sir Knights.

California Commandery, No. 1, suspended and refused a member admittance, for the reason of suspension in a Blue Lodge for the non-payment of dues; an appeal was taken to the Grand Commander and the decision below sustained.

CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Commandery held a Conclave in the city of Hartford, May 12, A. D. 1859, A. O. 741. Also, in New Haven, May 10, A. D. 1860, A. O. 742.

Your committee extract from the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence the following, to which we say, Amen:

"We shall review rapidly, and much more briefly than of late years, for the general reason that they are becoming less important in point of general interest, each striving to do good at home, *leaving alone those matters which they cannot mend.*"

Six subordinates were represented and 440 Sir Knights returned.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Commandery met in Fourth Annual Conclave, October 23, A. D. 1860, in the city of Chicago. Six Commanderies were represented, returning 342 affiliated Sir Knights. There are nine Commanderies in this jurisdiction.

INDIANA.

This Grand Commandery assembled at Indianapolis, December, 5, 1860. There are seven subordinates in this State, six of which were represented, returning 212 Sir Knights.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky held its Thirteenth Annual Conclave in the city of Lexington, June 7, A. D. 1860. There are nine subordinates in this jurisdiction judging from numbers, only four of which were represented, who return 197 Sir Knights in membership.

MAINE.

This Grand Commandery convened in Annual Conclave in Portland, May 1, A. D. 1860. There are four subordinates, all of which were represented. One hundred and fifty-seven Sir Knights are returned for membership.

We present the following from the report of the committee in memory of Sir Knight Robert P. Dunlap:

"Bowing in 1816 before the Altar of Craft Masonry, he found fraternal sympathy, which led him to go forward until he could kneel beneath the Royal Arch. Then his genial spirit was prepared to seek farther advancement in the ranks of Knighthood. And there was a delightful blending of his Masonic virtues with his Christian faith, and which grew with his growth of years."

MISSOURI.

This Grand Commandery held its First Annual Conclave, May 23, A. D. 1860, at St. Louis. This jurisdiction embraces four Commanderies, three of which were represented. Two hundred and one Sir Knights are returned.

No reports were made; the proceedings having reference to the organization.

MISSISSIPPI.

Your committee are in receipt of proceedings for 1859, January, 1860, and January, 1861.

This Grand Commandery held its Fifth Annual Conclave January 25, A. D. 1861, in the city of Vicksburg. Five Commanderies were represented, being a full delegation. This jurisdiction returns 177 Sir Knights.

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Commandery held its First Annual Conclave in the city of Trenton, June 5, A. D. 1860. Also, its second, September 13, A. D. 1860. The first has reference to organization, which your committee pass by for the purpose of presenting some extracts from the September proceedings, and regret the limited space will not allow a more extended review.

We present the following beautiful extract from the R. E. G. C. Theophilus Fiske's address, which is voluminous, chase and elegant:

"The subject of Freemasonry—its sublime and glorious principles, its paramount duties and imperative obligations, its expansive benevolence and diffusive charity—is a theme upon which every Christian philanthropist delights to dwell. The wise and the good of every nation and of all ages have erected an altar in their hearts to the sublime principles by which we are governed.

"Wherever the woes of humanity have been mitigated, distress relieved, the mourner comforted, fetters broken, prisons opened, virtue protected, vice rebuked and restrained, there have been exhibited the great principles of our ancient and honorable institution, the *most* ancient of any now existing upon the face of the globe. Our principles have been manifested in legible characters of enduring light, in all ages and in every clime.

"Charity, at the earliest period of the world, began to weave her silken bonds of gentleness and kindness: love is co-equal with creation in her sweet lessons of mutual sympathy and confiding tenderness; and light 'was the first shadow the Deity cast upon the new-born earth, from the unclouded rays of His own unspeakable glory.' Upon this foundation our superstructure rests; around these virtues and graces cluster our hopes and expectations."

TENNESSEE.

The Second Annual Conclave of this Grand Body assembled in the city of Nashville, October 10, A. D. 1860. Four Commanderies were represented, being a full delegation.

Tennessee gives no report on Foreign Correspondence; 208 affiliated Sir Knights are returned from this jurisdiction.

TEXAS.

This Grand Body met in Grand Conclave for the seventh time in Huntsville, June 22, A. D. 1860. There are six subordinates in Texas, five of which were represented, and return a roll of 247 members.

The chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Sir Andrew Neill, has, as usual, some kind word of greeting for each and every one of his correspondents; he represents Texas prosperous and harmonious.

VERMONT.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave in Burlington, January 8, A. D. 1861. Four Commanderies were represented, being a full delegation. Two hundred and one Sir Knights are returned on the roll.

The late E. Grand Commander, Sir John S. Webster, in his address, pays an eloquent tribute to the conservative influence of the Order, as follows:

"And while upon our bended knee, let us not forget to offer up our adoration and thanksgiving to Him 'who rides upon the whirlwind and directs the storm,' that while hungry, unprincipled fanatics, fed by honest Christians, desecrate the virtuous mind, and selfish demagogues, with their wicked politicians, are spreading discord and discension through our once happy country, causing it to tremble to its very center, we are permitted to assemble within this consecrated hall, where all is peace and concord."

Your committee earnestly recommend the perusal of the following to the several Commanderies in our jurisdiction:

"*Guard well the portals of your Asylum;* keep your sentinels on your watch-towers, and at their proper posts; suffer them never to sleep when Christian Knighthood is in danger; admit none within your sanctuary that you are not sure will conform to the sacred rules and edicts of our Order, and none but those who will be ever ready to assist the weary, way-worn traveler, who finds the height of fortune inaccessible, and the thorny paths of life adverse and forlorn; who will succor the needy, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted; who will defend the destitute, the helpless and the innocent; and when traduced, espouse the cause of Christianity.

"Beware of the hypocrite, the demagogue and the infidel; drive these *demons* from your doors. I have seen too much of their cruelty and wickedness in the fell reign of anti-Masonry: when through *perjury* they stabbed to the heart the Institution that created them. Better reject ten good men than admit one of those *creatures*, who have no other object than their own selfish aggrandizement."

Prosperity and harmony prevails in Vermont.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Body met in Annual Conclave in the city of Richmond, December 13, A. D. 1860. Six subordinate Commanderies were represented; the remaining four not represented. Three hundred and sixty-seven Sir Knights are returned.

Your committee, in reviewing Virginia, must claim indulgence in devoting much space to her affairs; they perform this duty "more in sorrow than in anger."

Your committee present the following extracts from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

"We feel assured that, to the Sir Knights of Virginia, it is a cause of universal disappointment and regret that the officers of this Grand Commandery were unable to attend the last Triennial session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and did not, either in person or by memorial, carry out the unanimously expressed wish of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, and make application to that distinguished body for permission to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the same.

"We take it for granted that proper action will be had to carry out the *long-cherished wish* of Virginia on this subject, and *guard against such a contingency* at the next Triennial session of the Grand Encampment."

The Grand Commandery of Michigan has always taken high ground in relation to her own as well as the allegiance of the several State Grand Commanderies to the Grand Encampment of the United States; and your committee cannot for a moment view the course pursued by Virginia in severing her connection with the General Grand Body in any other light than that of *rebellion*. The following circular from E. Sir John Dove, Grand Recorder of Virginia, containing the correspondence between M. E. B. B. French, Grand Master, and R. E. Sir E. H. Gill, Grand Commander, is herewith subjoined:

CIRCULAR.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF VIRGINIA.
RICHMOND, May 1, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743.

V. E. Companion—I am instructed by the M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of Virginia, Sir Edward H. Gill, to lay before you the following correspondence. Comment is unnecessary; the papers explain themselves, particularly the knightly, bold and defiant one written by our M. E. Grand Master.

In knightly bonds, yours, etc.,

JOHN DOVE, *Grand Recorder.*

OFFICE OF THE G. M. OF K. T. OF THE U. S. OF AMERICA.
BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH,
GRAND MASTER OF K. T. OF THE U. S. OF AMERICA.

To all True and Patriotic Templars—Brotherly Love, Peace, Honor:

An awful fratracidal conflict seems to be impending. He alone who rules the destinies of nations can prevent it. He works through human instruments. I implore every Knight Templar on the Continent of America, after humbly seeking aid and strength from on high, to exert all the means at his command to avert the dread calamity, which to human vision seems inevitable.

Let each Templar to whom this may come remember how often we have stood at each other's side, and raised our voices in prayer for the prosperity of a common country and a common cause. Let all call to mind how the Knights of Virginia, mingling in fraternal brotherhood with those of Massachusetts, pledged themselves to each other, on Bunker Hill, only a few brief years ago; and when another year had passed away, the same noble bands stood together in the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, the birthplace of Washington, and with mutual vows bound their souls in an everlasting covenant! Let them remember these things, and, with hearts on fire with love for each other, and for their countrymen, go forth among those countrymen and implore the arbitrament of peace, instead of that of the sword.

I ask no one to surrender a principle that has become dear to his heart; but I ask every one to labor and to pray that such counsels may take place between the contending parties, who have for so many years acted with a common impulse, as to restore harmony and kind feeling, and avoid the curse of having fraternal blood crying to Heaven from the ground, and bringing down its maledictions on our children's children through all future time! Labor and pray that hostilities may be suspended until the mild counsels of peace can be appealed to, and that the appeal may not be in vain.

Casting aside every political feeling, every political aspiration, and asking every Templar to do the same, let us, as one man, unite in one grand effort to prevent the shedding of fraternal blood, and to inaugurate here that blessed result which our Lord and Master initiated: "Peace on earth and good will to men."

Templars! you count, in this land, by tens of thousands. Each one has his influence in the circle about him. Never, no never, was there an opportunity to exert that influence in a more holy cause, or to a more sublime purpose. Forward then, to the rescue of your country from fratricidal war!

But, if war must come—which dread calamity may God, in His infinite mercy, avert—then I call on every Knight Templar to perform that sacred duty, which so well becomes our Order, of binding up the wounds of the afflicted and comforting those who mourn.

Dated at the city of Washington, on this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord 1861, and the year of our Order 743.

B. B. FRENCH,
Grand Master.

JUSTICE.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF K. T. OF VIRGINIA.
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 27, 1861.

Hon. B. B. French, Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States.

M. E. SIR KNIGHT:—Your Circular of the 18th inst., relative to the "awful fratricidal conflict which seems to be impending" between the citizens of the North and the South, has been received; and as the people of the South are merely acting on the defensive in this conflict, those of the North, regardless of that "Brotherly Love, Peace and Honor" alluded to in your Circular, having trampled upon their constitutional rights, and being now about to invade their soil, their homes and their fire-sides, and to desecrate their altars, I am at a loss to understand why you should send such a Circular to the Knights Templar of Virginia.

Residing, as you do, at Washington, you cannot be ignorant of the fact, that Virginia has exhausted every honorable means to avert this conflict. "Casting aside every political feeling, every political aspiration," she has plead to prevent the "shedding of fraternal blood;" she has plead for "Peace on earth and good will to men," and she has plead that her constitutional rights, and those of her sister States of the South, should not be trampled upon; but her pleadings have been disregarded; and conscious of the justice of her cause, she now appeals to the "God of Battles," confident that Heaven will smile approvingly upon her efforts in resisting unto the death this Cain-like and marauding attack of the van-

dals of the North; and I thank God, that the valiant Knights Templar of Virginia unanimously participate in this feeling of resistance, and are prepared to welcome their invaders "with bloodstained hands to hospitable graves," designated by no "sprig of evergreen."

For the reasons stated, I now, as the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the State of Virginia, give you notice, that that body is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and will no longer regard or obey any orders or edicts emanating from it, or its officers.

E. H. GILL,
Grand Master.

We must solemnly enter our protest against, not only the sentiments expressed, but the course pursued by R. E. Sir E. H. Gill, Grand Commander of Virginia, in severing that Grand Body from the General Grand Body; such a principle would lead to anarchy and confusion, and the same course of action, if endorsed, would permit the presiding officer of any subordinate Commandery to sever their connection with the Grand Body of a State *ad libitum.*

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Commandery held its Second Annual Conclave in the city of Milwaukee, January 2, A. D. 1861. Three Commanderies being represented, presenting a roll of Sir Knights returned as 137.

The several committees report Peace, Unity, and Plenty. A large portion is devoted to the Great *Wardrobe Question*, which seems to override every thing else in most of our sister jurisdictions, and your committee trust, that when this vexed question is settled, if ever it is settled, matters of more real and permanent benefit to the Order may occupy the time of committees.

CONCLUSION.

Your committee in conclusion would state, the condition of the Order in our own State is prosperous and harmonious. We now number eleven Commanderies, which are represented in a flourishing and healthy state. Long may it so remain.

All of which is courteously submitted.

GEO. W. WILSON.
Grand Recorder.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander respectfully beg leave to report:

That so much as relates to charters and dispensations be referred to said committee.

So much as refers to the matter of Sir Knights Roberts, Ensworth and Weston be referred to a special committee of five.

And so much as relates to the death of V. E. Frater Masson be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN PORTER, JR.
G. B. NOBLE.
RALPH WADHAMS.

The foregoing report was accepted and adopted.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following special committees:

ON SIR KNIGHTS ROBERTS, ENSWORTH AND WESTON—
John Clark, Frank Darrow, James W. Sligh, A. B. Ayres, S. L. Dart.

ON DEATH OF V. E. FRATER MASSON OF ENGLAND AND WALES—
N. P. Jacobs, James Dyer, Richard Rowe.

The following communication was submitted by Sir Knight C. S. Mott:

DETROIT, June 3, 1861.

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

Agreeable to a resolution (on page 82 of proceedings), adopted by your Grand Body at its last session, directing Detroit Commandery, No. 1, to certify to your Grand Body our action in reference to the request of your Grand Body, respectfully report:

That at a regular meeting of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, held at the Asylum of the Commandery, the resolution of the Grand Commandery was read, and, on motion, Sir Knight Allyn Weston was unanimously restored to all the rights and benefits of a Knight Templar:

Attest: C. S. MOTT,
Recorder of Detroit Commandery, No. 1.

On motion, the election of officers was made the special order for 3 o'clock P. M.

Sir Knight L. R. Atwater offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander, Generalissimo and Recorder be appointed a committee on printing proceedings, and that they be instructed to have printed three hundred copies, and that each Grand Officer be entitled to three copies, each Representative one copy, and each subordinate Commandery ten copies, and that the R. E. Grand Commander be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

On motion, the Grand Commandery adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 5—2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Body was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander.

On motion of Sir N. P. Jacobs, Charles D. Howard, Grand Captain of Guards, was allowed the sum of five dollars for his services.

Sir N. P. Jacobs offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Body for his services as such for the past year.

The following report from the Committee on Dispensations and Charters was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation issuing to certain Sir Knights, authorizing them to open a Commandery in Ionia, have examined the same, and find them correct, and recommend a charter be granted the petitioners named in said dispensation, and that it be designated as Ionia Commandery, No. 11.

J. J. RHODES.
RALPH WADHAMS,
C. A. WIESMORE.

Whereupon a charter was issued to above named Commandery.

The following report was accepted and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the restoration of Sir Knight Allyn Weston to all the rights and benefits of a Knight Templar by Detroit Commandery, would respectfully report:

That from a report presented them by C. S. Mott, Recorder of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, that they have complied with the request made by this Grand Body at its last session (to be found on page 82), and that we find on page 67 of the same

proceedings that Sir Knights Roberts and Enseworth have also been restored to all the rights and benefits of Knighthood.

JOHN CLARK,
FRANK DARROW,
A. B. AYRES,
S. L. DART,
JAS. W. SLIGH.

The hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Commandery proceeded to an election of officers, as follows. Sir Knights R. Rowe and Recorder were appointed tellers:

Sir Frank Darrow, Pontiac, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir John Clark, St. Clair, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir L. R. Atwater, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Rev. D. B. Tracey, New Baltimore, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. D. Brayton Lyon, Ionia, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir A. B. Ayres, Romeo, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir S. L. Dart, Coldwater, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Geo. W. Wilson, Ionia, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir Benjamin Porter, Jr., Jackson, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir D. B. Nichols, Detroit, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir Jas. W. Sligh, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Warder.
Sir Chas. D. Howard, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Sir Knight A. B. Ayres offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Romeo Commandery, No. 6, be empowered to hold a special election of officers at their next regular Communication, and to amend their returns by inserting the names of the officers elected.

The Grand Officers were then installed by Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, P. E. G. C.

The following resolution, by Sir Knight D. B. Tracey, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be, and the same are hereby tendered to our late R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Wm. P. Innes, for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over our Order for the past

year in this jurisdiction, and that a committee of three be appointed to procure a Knights Templar jewel, and present to him the same, in token of our friendship and esteem.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights D. B. Tracey, Geo. W. Wilson and N. P. Jacobs a committee to carry out the above resolution.

Sir Knight N. P. Jacobs offered the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Body be authorized to settle with the fiscal agent of Monroe Chapter for the gas consumed during the present session.

Adopted.

The Committee on Returns made the following report, which was adopted, and the committee discharged:

Your Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the returns from the following subordinate Commanderies, and find them correct:

Detroit Commandery, No. 1.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3.
De Molay Commandery, No. 5.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6.
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7.
Peninsular Commandery, No. 8.
Jackson Commandery, No. 9.
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10.

S. L. DART,
B. F. DOUGHTY,
E. SPRAGUE.

Sir Knight J. W. Sligh then offered the following resolution, to lie upon the table until the next Annual Conclave:

Resolved, That Sec. 2, Art. 5, of the Constitution be so amended that each subordinate Commandery be required to pay annual dues for *Honorary Members* to this Grand Body.

Your committee to whom was referred the Annual Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, report that they have examined their accounts and vouchers, and find them correct. Also an account of $1.50 in favor of S. D.

Elwood for binding Commandery proceedings, and recommend payment; also, one Record book, purchased in 1857, for $5.00. Your committee find no evidence of its having been paid, therefore recommend its payment.

JAS. W. SLIGH.
D. B. NICHOLS.
S. L. DART.

Which was accepted and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The Grand Treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan.

[In account with Wm. Barclay, Grand Treasurer.]

June, 1860.	Balance cash on hand per last report		$218 95
	CONTRA.		
June 6, 1860.	Paid warrant salary, Grand Recorder	$50 00	
	Paid warrant Exp. E. G. C., at Chicago	40 00	
	Paid warrant Exp. Capt. G., at Chicago	40 00	
	Paid warrant per diem Det. Com., 1858	6 00	
June 8, 1860.	Paid warrant on account printing	16 00	
June 8, 1860.	Paid warrant per diem att. to Treasurer	12 00	
June 5, 1861.	Balance in hands of Treasurer, this date	54 95	
			$218 95

WM. BARCLAY, *Treasurer.*

The Grand Recorder then made the following report of receipts and disbursements, which was adopted:

REPORT OF RECORDER.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan.

[In account with Geo. W. Wilson, Recorder.]

Dr.

June, 1861.	To paid express charges on proceedings of Grand Encampment United States, from New Orleans	$ 1 75
	To paid express charges on proceedings of State Grand Commandery, from Lansing	2 80
	To postage account for year, ending June, 1861	10 00
	To salary as Grand Recorder, June, 1861	100 00
	To paid S. D. Elwood's bill, binding proceedings	1 50
	To paid E. R. Powell, printing railroad passes	1 00
	To paid mileage and per diem as per vouchers	169 22
		$286 27

CONTRA--CR.

1861.	By dues from Detroit Commandery, No. 1	$ 35 00	
	By dues from Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	9 50	
	By dues from Eureka Commandery, No. 3	20 00	
	By dues from Monroe Commandery, No. 4	(no returns)	
	By dues from De Molay Commandery, No. 5	15 00	
	By dues from Romeo Commandery, No. 6	8 00	
	By dues from St. Clair Commandery, No. 7	25 00	
	By dues from Peninsular Commandery, No. 8	23 50	
	By dues from Jackson Commandery. No. 9	13 00	
	By dues from Jacobs Commandery, No. 10	18 00	
	By charter of Ionia Commandery, No. 11	100 00	
	By balance due me by Grand Commandery	19 27	
			$286 27

Respectfully submitted. GEO. W. WILSON,

Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight W. P. Innes offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be, and the same are hereby tendered to W. K. Muir, Esq., Superintendent of the Detroit & Milwaukee railroad, for courteously passing delegates on said road at half fare, and that the Grand Recorder be directed to present Mr. Muir with a copy thereof, and cause the same to be published.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

[Attest,] GEO. W. WILSON,

Grand Recorder.

PAY ROLL

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN, AT ITS ANNUAL CONCLAVE, JUNE, 1861.

GRAND OFFICERS.	RESIDENCES.	No. of Miles	Mileage.	No. of Days Attendance	Per Diem.	Total.	By Whom Received.
R. E. Grand Commander.....	Gr'd Rapids.	160	9 60	2	4 00	13 60	Wm. P. Innes.
V. E. Dep.Grand Commander	Pontiac.....	25	1 56	2	4 00	5 56	Frank Darrow.
E. Grand Generalissimo.....	St. Clair.....	75	4 50	2	4 00	8 50	John Clark.
E. Grand Captain General...	Gr'd Rapids.	160	9 60	2	4 00	13 60	L. R. Atwater.
E. Grand Prelate.....	N. Baltimore	30	1 80	2	4 00	5 80	Rev D.B.Tracey
E. Grand Senior Warden....	Romeo.....	40	2 40	2	4 00	6 40	A. B. Ayres.
E. Grand Junior Warden....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	Absent.
E. Grand Treasurer.....	Detroit.....	....	....	2	4 00	4 00	Wm. Barclay.
E. Grand Recorder.....	Ionia.....	125	7 56	2	4 00	11 56	G. W. Wilson.
E. Grand Standard Bearer...	Jackson.....	78	4 68	2	4 00	8 68	B. Porter, Jr.
E. Grand Sword Bearer.....	Detroit.....	....	....	2	4 00	4 00	D. B. Nichols.
E. Grand Warder.....	Detroit.....	....	....	2	4 00	4 00	C.S.Mott, *p.tem*
E. Grand Captain of Guards	Detroit.....	....	....	2	....	5 00	C. D. Howard.
COMMANDERIES.	Where Held.						
Detroit Commandery, No. 1..	Detroit.....	....	....	2	4 00	4 00	G. B. Noble.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2.	Pontiac.....	26	1 56	2	4 00	5 56	A. B. Cudworth
Eureka Commandery, No. 3..	Hillsdale....	111	6 66	2	4 00	10 66	Richard Rowe.
Monroe Commandery, No. 4.	Monroe.....	....	....	....	....	.....	No Returns.
De Molay Commandery, No. 5	Gr'd Rapids.	160	9 60	2	4 00	13 60	Jas. W. Sligh.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6..	Romeo.....	40	2 40	2	4 00	6 40	Abijah Palmer.
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7	St. Clair	75	4 50	2	4 00	8 50	R. Wadhams.
Peninsular Command'y, No.8	Kalamazoo..	122	7 32	1	2 00	9 32	E. Sprague.
Jackson Commandery, No. 9	Jackson.....	78	4 68	2	4 00	8 68	Jas. A. Dyer.
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10.	Jacobs	130	7 80	2	4 00	11 80	S. L. Dart.
Ionia Commandery, No. 11 ..	Ionia	....	....	....	....	.....	Newly Chart'd.
Total.....	.....	....	....	....	....	169 22	.....

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OF THE REGULAR CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The Regular Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, convened at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, June 3, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir FRANCIS DARROW, R. E. Grand Commander.
JOHN CLARK, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
LUMAN R. ATWATER, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Rev. D. B. TRACEY, E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. D. B. LYON, E. Grand Prelate.
A. B. AYRES, E. Grand Senior Warden.
D. BOVEE, *as* E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
GEO. W. WILSON, E. Grand Recorder.
BENJ. PORTER, Jr., E. Grand Standard Bearer.
D. B. NICHOLS, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
G. B. NOBLE, *as* E. Grand Warder.
CHAS. D. HOWARD, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Commandery was opened in AMPLE FORM, the Grand Officers being stationed at their respective posts.

On motion of Sir Knight Benj. Porter, Jr., the following Committee on Credentials was appointed: Benj. Porter, Jr., G. B. Noble and Ralph Wadhams.

On motion of Sir Knight John Clark, all true and courteous Sir Knights present were invited to take seats in this Grand Body.

The Grand Commandery, on motion of Sir Knight D. B. Tracey, was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow, June 4, 1862.

WEDNESDAY, June 4, A. D. 1862—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Credentials offered the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

G. B. Noble, E. C.

E. G. Allen, proxy for G.

I. French, C. G.

D. B. Nichols, P. E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

A. C. Baldwin, E. C.

A. B. Cudworth, G.

T. A. Flower, C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

Henry T. Farnham, proxy for Commandery.

MONROE COMMANDERY No. 4—

W. F. King, proxy for Commandery.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

D. S. Leavitt, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Abijah Palmer, E. C.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

Ralph Wadhams, G., and proxy for E. C. and C. G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

Chas. H. Brown, E. C.

A. Noble, G.

Geo. A. Fitch, C. G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

B. Porter, Jr., proxy for Commandery.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

D. Bovee, proxy for E. C.

A. A. Allen, G.

Chas. H. Putnam, proxy for C. G.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

Geo. W. Wilson, E. C.

Frederick Hall, G.

John C. Blanchard, C. G.

The R. E. Grand Commander then announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

R. Wadhams, Benj. Porter, Jr., D. B. Nichols.

ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS—

E. G. Allen, C. H. Brown, D. S. Leavitt.

ON FINANCE—

Wm. Barclay, Geo. W. Wilson, G. B. Noble.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

H. T. Farnham, A. Noble, Abijah Palmer.

ON RETURNS—

D. Bovee, E. G. Allen, W. F. King.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Geo. W. Wilson.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence then submitted the following:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report, they have received the printed proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies, viz:

CALIFORNIA—San Francisco, November 12 and 13, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Alexander G. Abell, Grand Commander, San Francisco; E. Sir Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Recorder, San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT—Hartford May 9, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Howard B. Ensign, Grand Commander, New Haven; E. Sir Eliphalet G. Stone, Grand Recorder, New Haven.

ILLINOIS—Chicago, October 22, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Hosmer A. Johnson, Grand Commander, Chicago; E. Sir Henry C. Ranney, Grand Recorder, Chicago.

KENTUCKY—Lexington, June 13, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Wm. C. Munger, Grand Commander, Louisville; E. Sir Wm. M. Samuel, Grand Recorder, Paris.

MAINE—Portland, May 7, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir John Williams, Grand Commander, Bangor; E. Sir Ira Berry, Grand Recorder, Portland.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—R. E. Sir Wm. Field, Grand Commander, Providence, R. I.; E. Sir Solon Thornton, Grand Recorder, Boston, Mass.

MISSOURI—Weston, May 1, 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Geo. W. Belt, Grand Commander, Weston; E. Sir Edward G. Hernott, Grand Recorder, Weston.

NEW YORK—Binghampton, September 10, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Zenas C. Priest, Grand Commander, Utica; E. Sir Robert Macoy, Grand Recorder, New York.

NEW JERSEY—Trenton, September 12, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Thomas I. Corson, M. D., Grand Commander, Trenton; E. Sir Chas. G. Milnor, Grand Recorder, Burlington.

OHIO—Columbus, October 10 and 12, A D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir Kent Jarvis, Grand Commander, Massillon; E. Sir John D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder, Cincinnati.

PENNSYLVANIA—Pittsburg, June 11, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. R. E. Sir John A. Wright, Grand Commander, Lewiston; E. Sir Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder, Washington.

VERMONT—Burlington, January 7, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744. R. E. Sir Gamaliel Washburn, Grand Commander, Montpelier; E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder, Burlington.

WISCONSIN—Milwaukee, January 1, 1862, A. O. 744. R. E. Sir Henry L. Palmer, Grand Commander, Milwaukee; E. Sir Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Recorder, Milwaukee.

CALIFORNIA.

This Grand Commandery held its Fourth Annual Conclave in the city of San Francisco, November 12, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Six subordinates were represented. California has seven subordinates, which return two hundred and ninety Sir Knights.

CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Body convened in the city of Hartford, May 9, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. There are seven subordinates in this State, six of whom were represented. In consideration of the low state of finances, the report on Foreign Correspondence was not printed. No list of members is given.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Commandery held its Fifth Annual Conclave in the city of Chicago, October 22, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Nine subordinates were represented. This jurisdiction contains twelve subordinates, and returns four hundred and thirty Sir Knights.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Body convened in the city of Lexington, June 13, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Five Commanderies were represented. Kentucky returns two hundred and sixty-four Sir Knights.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

From this Grand Commandery we receive a printed circular only, containing a list of Grand Officers elect. They report the number of subordinate Commanderies in their jurisdiction, thirteen; Sir Knights, nine hundred and ninety-eight. One hundred have been Knighted during the last year.

MAINE.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Conclave in the city of Portland, May 7, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Four Commanderies were represented.

Your committee make the following extract from the address of the R. E. G. Commander, Sir John Williams:

"Let us then guard, with sleepless vigilance, every avenue, and suffer no unworthy applicant or intruder, who dares approach, to surprise us and gain admission to our Friendship. Our present unexampled prosperity, so far from lulling us into fancied security, should teach us the greater caution and carefulness, lest our conscious strength, and consequent neglect of those duties essential to our success, may prove our weakness and misfortune."

Maine has four subordinates, and one hundred and seventy-two Sir Knights.

MISSOURI.

This Grand Body held their Second Annual Conclave in the city of Weston, May 1, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Four Commanderies were represented, being a full representation. One hundred and eighty-four Sir Knights are returned.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Commandery held their Forty-eighth Annual Conclave in the village of Binghampton, September 10, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Twenty Commanderies were represented.

Your committee present the following, from the address of the Deputy Grand Commander, (now R. E. G. C. elect):

"In our mission of charity, harmony and pleasure, we know no North, no South, no East, no West; the duty of each Sir Knight is clearly indicated. True patriotism is an essential and peculiar characteristic of a worthy Sir Knight, and embraces a true nobility of purpose and aim in all his actions in the cause of his God, his country, or his fellow-men. The scenes now transpiring in our country are appalling —the heart sickens at the sad sight of brother arrayed against brother in bloody and deadly conflict. Although our individual inclinations might prompt us to adopt the lamentation of a certain king, for the fate of his rebellious and undutful son, 'Would to God I had died for thee; oh! Absalom, my son, my son!' yet the nation's integrity and honor must needs be sustained, even at the sacrifice stern justice may impose. Duty, Sir Knights, may mark out its undeviating, determined and unflinching course against a sectional spirit and strife; and in maintaining even right against the might and power of anarchy and despotism, yet it need not engender bitter personal animosity, or conflict with the exercise of fraternal love toward a misguided, weak or fallen brother. 'Charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; does not behave itself unseemly.' We may do much to assuage the bitterness and sorrow of the present time by trying, as much as is possible, to live peaceably with all men, especially with those of our own household. Under such influences, the Republic would start up in the freshness and vigor of its early youth and manhood, and bygones would be forgotten, or only remembered and dreaded as the recurrent influences of a fearful vision.

"The experience of more than eighty years has practically demonstrated to the world, that the American Republic enjoyed the best

government the 'sun ever shone upon.' Strange that its rights and privileges were not more fully appreciated in every section of the land. Strange, that a better understanding of each other's views and feelings does not exist. Strange, that those who were enjoying the same trust, secured by their fathers' blood, should be the first to imagine a defect in those institutions, which were devised by the best talent of our time honored statesmen, sages and patriots."

A very interesting report was presented and adopted, in relation to the Templar burial service. The report is too voluminous to present entire. Your committee, therefore, extract the closing part, which is heartily endorsed:

"We have arrived at the conclusion that a separate burial service for the Knights Templar is *just and proper*, for the following brief reasons:

"1st. Because Knighthood is a distinctive department of Masonry in its rites, precepts and duties.

"2d. Because its ceremonies are founded upon matters which are neither symbolical nor traditional, but actual and real.

"3d. Because its basis is more military than civic, requiring distinctive allusions and practices, unlike those of the other degrees.

"4th. Because it has a distinct creed, founded upon the Christian faith, and the practice of the Christian virtues.

"5th. Because while it, like other degrees in Masonry, teaches the immortality of the soul, it also teaches the necessity of its salvation through the doctrine of the Cross.

"6th. Because it is no innovation upon Masonry, but a strict compliance with the instruction of the Orders of Knighthood, and would be no invasion of the privileges of the Craft degrees, but a recognition of them."

There are twenty-five subordinate Commanderies in New York, returning a roll of thirteen hundred and seventy-five members.

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Commandery held its Third Annual Conclave in the city of Trenton, September 12, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Two Commanderies were represented only, reporting a membership of sixty-five Sir Knights. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, very able. The review of Virginia is able, and terribly severe; but as this subject has been handled by this committee heretofore, and thoroughly reviewed, your committee will not devote any space to the matter at present.

OHIO.

This Grand Commandery (*Encampment*)—we observe that Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island still retain the old cognomen of *Encampment*, in lieu of Commandery, and *Grand Master*, in lieu of Grand Commander—convened in Columbus, Ohio, October 10, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Fourteen subordinates were represented.

The proceedings of this Grand Body possess much interest. The subject of a revision of the Constitution appears to be the all-absorbing topic in this Grand Jurisdiction. The question was referred to a special committee, who, after having made a very able and voluminous report, the same was submitted to the Grand Body, who accepted the report, and ordered it laid upon the table. A very able minority report was made by Sir Knight Thrall, non-concurring in the adoption of the requirements of the Grand Encampment of the United States, whereupon, after a spirited discussion, Sir Knight John D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder, offered the following resolution, which was adopted by twenty-four ayes vs. fourteen nays, viz.:

Resolved, That the further consideration of both majority and minority reports, and of the whole subject of amending the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, as recommended by the Grand Encampment of the United States at its late meeting in Chicago, be postponed until the next session.

A very interesting report from the standing Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, in relation to non-affiliation. A resolution was offered, in substance, that all unaffiliated Sir Knights, residing for the term of one year within the jurisdiction of a regularly organized Commandery, shall be bound to present their application for membership, and upon failure so to do, shall be declared suspended until affiliation, to which the committee reported very ably and, in the opinion of your committee, very soundly, and they herewith present a brief extract from said report:

"It must be remembered that Freemasonry, in all its branches—Symbolic, Capitular, Cryptic and Templar—is a voluntary association. As the candidate for its mysteries must present himself of his own free will and accord, unbiased by friends and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, so, after having gained admission, if in good standing, he has a right not only to leave, but to demand an honorable dimit.

"After having given him an honorable discharge, is it wise or prudent to attempt to compel him to return? Will his forced service be

an advantage to the Order? Your committee think not. If he has not been inspired with love and admiration of the Order, and the noble principles and precepts which it inculcates, and is unwilling to contribute his means and exertions to maintain them, let them depart in peace." Which was agreed to.

The following very excellent resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That while this Encampment contemplates the pending war, which is destroying our young men, devastating our fields, wasting the means and paralyzing the industry of our country, with great amazement and anguish of heart, we yet deem it the duty of every Knight to maintain true allegiance and faithful obedience to the lawfully established authority of the land.

Fourteen subordinates are returned, together with seven hundred and nine Sir Knights, in this jurisdiction.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania convened in Annual Conclave (their eighth annual) in the city of Pittsburg, June 11, A. D. 1861, A. O. 743. Eleven Commanderies were represented. The R. E. Grand Commander represents, in his annual address, the utmost enthusiasm prevailing in the Templar ranks in that jurisdiction in taking up arms in defense of their country. Some Commanderies have been nearly depleted of their best officers. We find little of foreign interest in their proceedings. Your committee, however, quote the following resolution as eminently patriotic:

Resolved, That we cherish patriotism as one of the highest virtues of the Christian Knight, and the cause of defending the Constitution and flag of our country, which have been handed down to us as a consecrated legacy from the sages and soldiers who hazarded their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor in the grand work of achieving our freedom and independence, as holy and sublime as that which impelled the Knights Templar of old to the Crusades against the infidel, for the rescue of the Holy Sepulchre from their impious hands; and that, after the example of the heroic founders of our Order, who followed the banner of the Cross, which was borne by Constantine at the head of his legions, we, too, will rally around the American flag as the symbol of American nationality, and, at the call of our country, will follow it to the field of battle, and, if honor and duty demand, to death, trusting that the God of of Hosts will verify our holy motto, "*In Hoc Signo Vinces!*"

Your Committee admire the patriotic sentiments expressed, but cannot regard erring Americans as Saracen infidels, but still prefer the motto of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

This Grand Commandery has eighteen subordinates and six hundred and thirty Sir Knights.

VERMONT.

This Grand Commandery convened in the city of Burlington, January 7, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744. Four Commanderies were represented.

The proceedings of this Grand Body are fraught with so much interest that your committee must devote some space to their affairs. We find in their proceedings Sir Knight Needham offered the following resolution, which was *adopted:*

Resolved, That a committee of three Sir Knights be appointed and instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of this Grand Commandery withdrawing and dissolving its connection with the General Grand Encampment of the United States. and make report of their opinion on the subject.

Sir Knight Webster reported on the above resolution as follows:

"Your committee to whom was referred the resolution inquiring into the expediency of dissolving our connection with the General Grand Encampment of the United States, beg leave to report:

"That they have diligently inquired into that subject, and find that the Grand Chapter of Vermont, at their annual Communication in 1860, withdrew from and virtually dissolved their connection with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and by so doing deprived this Grand Body of the privilege of joining in the expense of representation to the General Grand Bodies.

"Therefore, your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That the connection of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont with the General Grand Encampment of the United States be, and the same is hereby, dissolved.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to transmit to the General Grand Recorder of the United States a certified copy of the foregoing report and resolution."

Which was accepted and adopted.

Your committee are pleased to learn, from the subjoined documents, Vermont has promptly repudiated her treasonable resolutions, and

made the *amends honorable.* Long may she *flourish in immortal green.* Vermont has four subordinates, and one hundred and ninety-three Sir Knights.

(COPY.)

OFFICE OF GRAND RECORDER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF K. T. OF THE U. S. OF AMERICA.
CINCINNATI, OHIO, March 22, A. O. 744, A. D. 1862.

To all Grand Commanderies, and all Subordinate Commanderies Immediately Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.:

The following official action of Sir Benjamin B. French, Knight, Most Eminent Grand Master, is communicated:

"EDICT DECLARING 'GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT' A SPURIOUS ORGANIZATION.

"IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.

"BENJAMIN BROWN FRENCH, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

"*To Whomsoever These Presents May Come—Greeting:*

"The printed proceedings of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, at its annual meeting, held at Burlington, on the seventh day of January last, having very recently come to me, through the courtesy of the distinguished Grand Recorder of the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, (no copy having reached me from the G. C. of Vermont), I have been not only greatly surprised, but deeply pained at the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, by which it has most unceremoniously withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States; and I am very sorry to be obliged to add, that its resolution of withdrawal bears upon its face errors, at which a Templar, who has just arisen from the initiating Altar, ought to blush.

"The proceedings are as follows:

"'*Resolved*, That the connection of the Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, with the General Grand Commandery of the United States, be, and the same is, hereby dissolved.'

"Although the *Grand Encampment* of the United States is not mentioned, there can be no doubt that, by 'General Grand Commandery,' that Most Eminent Grand Body is meant, particularly as no such organization as a General Grand Commandery of the U. S. exists, or ever did exist. So, by the proceedings above quoted, the Grand Commandery of Vermont has, with about the same apparent thought of the consequences that a Sir Knight would entertain in unbuckling his

sword belt after his nightly labors were over, repudiated, or attempted to repudiate, the solemn obligations of every Knight Templar in Vermont, and cast off its sworn allegiance to the Grand Body which created it. It has followed in Masonry the unjustifiable political example of certain States of the Federal Union, and has seceded from its allegiance.

"The Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States provides that 'the officers of every Commandery, Grand and subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following obligation, viz.:

"'I, ——, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America,' and it makes it the duty of the Grand Master to 'have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, State and subordinate, in the United States, and see that all constitutional enactments, rules and edicts of the Grand Encampment, are duly and promptly observed,'

"In addition to these constitutional provisions, every Templar in the U. S., if properly initiated, is under a solemn vow to maintain and support the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the U. S.

"The Grand Commandery of Vermont having seceded from the Grand Encampment of the United States, repudiated its jurisdiction, and thereby placed every Sir Knight under its jurisdiction, who has acceded to its action, in the attitude of a perjured Templar, there is but one course for the Grand Master to pursue, and that is to issue his edict, which he does as follows:

"WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont, a body called into being and organized by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and and which has, up to January 7, 1862, acknowledged the jurisdiction of that Grand Body, has, by a resolution adopted, apparently, without any division of sentiment, declared its connection with the Grand Commandery of the United States, (meaning the Grand Encampment of the U. S.), dissolved:

"KNOW YE, That, by the high power in me vested by the Grand Constitution, and the usages of Templar Masonry, I, Benjamin Brown French, Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States of America, do hereby declare said Grand Commandery of the State of Vermont a spurious organization, acting without authority, and every subordinate Commandery, holding its charter from said Grand Commandery, and every Sir Knight who approves of or acquiesces in the disorganizing action of said Grand Commandery, as disloyal, and under the severest censure.

"And I do hereby forbid any Templar intercourse between loyal Templar bodies and loyal Knights, and the said Grand Commandery, its officers or mem-

bers, or any Sir Knights, in the State of Vermont, who approve of the doings of said Grand Commandery in passing its resolution above quoted. And I hereby interdict all Templar communication with said designated bodies, or individual Knights.

"And I hereby make known to all true and loyal Knights Templar in the State of Vermont, and all true and loyal subordinate Commanderies in the State of Vermont, under the immediate control and jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, or to transfer allegiance from such loyal Commanderies to said Grand Encampment.

"And I enjoin upon all regular and loyal bodies of Knights Templar, and all loyal Knights, to whom these presents may come, within the United States of America, not to hold, or permit to be held, any Templar intercourse or communion with the disloyal Knights of Vermont.

"Our Very Eminent Grand Recorder will cause this edict to be printed, and officially communicated to all Grand Commanderies, and all subordinate Commanderies immediately under the jurisdiction of our Grand Encampment, that can be reached.

"Given under my hand and private seal, at the city of Washington, this eighteenth day of March, Anno Domino 1862, Anno Ordinis 744.

"‡ B. B. FRENCH."

"Witness this, my official signature, and the seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

{ SEAL, G. G. E., U. S. A. }

"‡ JOHN D. CALDWELL,

"*Grand Recorder of the Gd. Enc't. K. T., U. S. A.*

In reply to which your committee have received the following:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT.

At a special meeting, holden at the Asylum of Burlington Commandery, No. 2, in Burlington, on the twenty-second of April, A. O. 744, A. D. 1862, the following business was transacted, viz.:

"After an address by the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Brown introduced the following preamble and resolutions, which, on motion, were passed by a unanimous vote:

"*Resolved*, That whereas, this Grand Commandery did, on the seventh day of January last, at its annual meeting, pass resolutions dissolving its connection with the Grand Encampment of the United States, and whereas, this act was done without any hostility to the Grand Encampment, or its M. E. Grand Master, as our entire proceedings, with the exception of the resolutions, abundantly show; and without any intention of violating any rules, regulations or established customs of

the Order, and certainly with no intention of interrupting the harmony and Knightly intercourse so vital to its perpetuity. And whereas, in consequence of the passage of said resolutions, the M. E. Grand Master has seen fit to issue an edict declaring this Grand Commandery a spurious organization, and interdicting Templar communication on the part of all loyal bodies and loyal Knights with it, and this Grand Commandery desiring to be relieved from such position, into which we did not intend to place ourselves;

Resolved, That said resolutions, adopted on the seventh of January last, dissolving the connection of this Grand Commandery with the Grand Encampment of the United States, be, and the same are, hereby rescinded;

Resolved, That our Grand Recorder be, and he is hereby, directed to forward copies of this preamble and resolutions to the M. E. Grand Master and V. E. Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and to such other Templar Bodies as he may deem proper.

"By order of

"R. E. GAMALIEL WASHBURN,

"*Grand Commander.*

"JOHN B. HOLLENBECK,

"*Grand Recorder.*

"Burlington, April 22, 1862."

WISCONSIN.

This Grand Commandery convened in the city of Milwaukee, January 1, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744. Three subordinates were represented.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence having received no proceedings from this Grand Body, express great fear that we have been partaking of the waters of *Lethe*, and have forgotten our friends on the *other side of the river*.

In reply, we would state our proceedings were not issued until early in January, and were too late for reviewal by their committee.

This Grand Commandery has four subordinates, which return one hundred and sixty-one Sir Knights.

CONCLUSION.

Your committee having reviewed the proceedings of thirteen sister Grand Commanderies, have endeavored to give a synopsis of such matters as would interest this Grand Body. Proceedings have been received from but two Grand Commanderies in the Slave States, viz, Kentucky and Missouri, no returns having been received from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas or Virginia. A large space has been devoted by these Grand Bodies (whose proceedings we have on file) to the matter of M. E. Grand Master French and the Grand Commandery of Virginia,

which subject was reviewed by us last year. Much time has also been devoted to the misfortunes or our once happy country. Trusting this report will meet the approbation of this Grand Body, it is herewith courteously submitted.

GEO. W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, the R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following special committee on the death of Sir James Darrah: G. B. Noble, John Clark, C. H. Putnam.

On motion of Sir John Clark, a special committee was appointed to examine bills for printed proceedings furnished this Grand Body, consisting of Sir Knights Geo. A. Fitch, Wm. Barclay and G. B. Noble.

A special committee was appointed to procure the printing of circulars for distribution, containing a list of officers elect (the Grand Commandery having decided not to publish the proceedings in consequence of the low state of the finances), consisting of Sir Knights Geo. A. Fitch, Wm. Barclay and Ralph Wadhams.

The Grand Commandery then proceeded to elect the following Grand Officers, to-wit:

Sir John Clark, St. Clair, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir Luman R. Atwater, Grand Rapids, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
Sir Rev. D. B. Tracey, Petersburg, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir A. B. Porter, Jr., Jackson, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. D. Brayton Lyon, Ionia, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir A. B. Ayres, Romeo, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Alonzo Noble, Battle Creek, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Geo. W. Wilson, Ionia, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir Chas. H. Putnam, Sturgis, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir D. B. Nichols, Detroit, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir G. B. Noble, Detroit, E. Grand Warder.
Sir Chas. D. Howard, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Sir Knight Geo. A. Fitch offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That P. G. C. Sir Francis Darrow be chosen to represent this Grand Body at the next Triennial Meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed by P. G. C. Darrow in due form.

Sir Knight G. B. Noble moved that the resolution offered at the last Annual Conclave be taken from the table (to-wit., on page 110, Sec. 4 of Art. 1 of the Constitution; strike out "June" and insert "August") which was lost.

The Grand Commandery was then called from labor to refreshment, until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 4, A. D. 1862—2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery was called to order by the R. E. G. Commander.

Sir Knight H. T. Farnham offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Eureka Commandery, No. 3, be empowered to hold an election of officers at their next regular communication, and to amend its returns, by inserting the names of the officers elected.

Sir Knight L. R. Atwater offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are due and hereby tendered to W. K. Muir, Esq., superintendent of the D. & M. railroad, for courteously passing delegates at half-fare, and that the Grand Recorder present Mr. Muir with a copy of this resolution, under the seal of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Treasurer then offered his annual report:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. OF MICHIGAN,

In account with WM. BARCLAY, Grand Treasurer.

June, 1861.	Cash on hand per last report		$54 95
Dec. 18, 1861.	Paid W. P. Innes on warrant	$25 00	
Nov. 4, 1861.	Paid Rev. D. Tracey on warrant	14 00	
June 4, 1862.	Cash on hand	15 95	
			$54 95

WM. BARCLAY,

Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder then offered his annual report:

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN,

In account with GEO. W. WILSON, Grand Recorder.

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June 4.	To balance due me last year	$19 27	
	To postage account past year	10 00	
	To my salary past year	50 00	
	To S. D. Elwood, account binding	1 00	
			$80 27

GEO. W. WILSON,

Grand Recorder.

Whereupon, the two several reports were, on motion, accepted, and referred to a special committee consisting of Sir Knights D. S. Leavitt, A. Noble and Ralph Wadhams.

The following committee was appointed and empowered by vote of this Grand Body to procure an appropriate jewel, to be presented to P. E. G. Commander Sir Francis Darrow, viz.: D. B. Tracey, G. B. Noble and C. H. Brown.

Sir Knight D. B. Tracey offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the event of Monroe Commandery, No. 4, failing to recover their charter, a new one be granted free of charge.

The committee, to whom was referred the several reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Very Eminent Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

Your committee, appointed to examine the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, would respectfully report that they have examined said accounts, and find them correct.

DAVID S. LEAVITT,
A. NOBLE,
RALPH WADHAMS.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance, who were appointed to report the fiscal condition of this Grand Commandery, would respectfully report the amount of indebtedness as follows:

John A. Kerr, bill printing		$176 25
Detroit Tribune, printing		71 08
Order due Francis Darrow		50 00
Balance order due W. P. Innes		15 00
Balance due Grand Recorder per account rendered		80 27
		$392 60
Less cash on hand in treasury	$ 15 95	
Less cash received for dues	177 00	
Balance due by this Grand Body	199 65	
		$392 60

WM. BARCLAY,
GEO. W. WILSON.

Which was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight George A. Fitch, to whom was referred the question of printing circulars for distribution by this Grand Body, in lieu of printed proceedings, reported that he would furnish the same for the use of the Grand Recorder at a moderate expense, which proposition was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Returns made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Returns would respectfully submit the following report on returns:

Detroit, No. 1, correct.
Pontiac, No. 2, correct.
Eureka, No. 3, correct.
Monroe, No. 4, correct.
De Molay, No. 5, correct.
Romeo, No. 6, correct.
St. Clair, No. 7, correct.
Peninsular, No. 8, correct.
Jackson, No. 9, correct.
Jacobs, No. 10, correct.
Ionia, No. 11, correct.

W. F. KING,
D. BOVEE,
E. G. ALLEN.

The Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment, until 7 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 4—7 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight L. R. Atwater offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That an assessment of one dollar on each member of every subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction be collected and paid to William Barclay, Grand Treasurer, on or before the 1st day of September next, and each Commander is hereby required to see the above strictly carried out.

On motion, Sir Chas. D. Howard was allowed five dollars for services as Captain of the Guard.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, a warrant was ordered drawn for the payment of gas consumed during the present session.

On motion of Sir Knight P. G. C. F. Darrow, Sir Knight Wm. Barclay was authorized to settle printing bills and other arrears.

The Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

GEO. W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

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OF A

SPECIAL CONCLAVE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

HELD ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 12th, A. D. 1863, A. O. 745.

A special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan convened in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, on Monday evening, January 12, A. D. 1863, A. O. 745, at 7 o'clock.

The Grand Commandery was opened in AMPLE FORM. Present:

Sir JOHN CLARK, R. E. Grand Commander.
LUMAN R. ATWATER, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Rev. D. B. TRACEY, E. Grand Generalissimo.
BENJ. PORTER, JR., E. Grand Captain General.
L. H. CORSEN, *as* E. Grand Prelate.
EDWARD LEFAVOUR, *as* E. Grand Senior Warden.
S. L. DART, *as* E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
GEO. W. WILSON, E. Grand Recorder.
CHAS. H. PUTNAM, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
D. B. NICHOLS, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
G. B. NOBLE, E. Grand Warder.
CHAS. D. HOWARD, E. Grand Captain of Guards.
ROB. MORRIS, Visitor.

The call for special Conclave was read, and the R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Sir Knights Edward White, Benj. Porter, Jr., and Seaman L. Dart, who made the following report, which was adopted:

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

G. B. Noble.
E. LeFavour.
J. French.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

A. C. Baldwin, E. C.
A. B. Cudworth.
Francis Darrow.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

H. T. Farnum.
Levi H. Corsen.
Richard Rowe.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 4—

Wm. F. King.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

L. A. Rogers.
C. J. Kruger.
Jas. W. Sligh.
E. D. Benedict.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Abijah Palmer.
Samuel W. Bellis.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

Edward W. Harris, proxy.
R. H. Jenks, proxy.
Edward White, proxy.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

E. Sprague.
Geo. W. Fitch.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

James A. Dyer.
O. H. McConnell.
B. S. Eggleston.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

Seaman L. Dart, E. C.

David Bovee, proxy for G.

Almon L. Lytle, proxy for C. G.

Franklin T. Eddy.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

James Kennedy.

Palmer H. Taylor.

Geo. W. Wilson.

The R. E. Grand Commander presented the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the United States on costume.

Sir Knight G. B. Noble offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter all Representatives sitting in this Grand Body shall be clothed in the appropriate costume.

The new Work recommended by the Grand Encampment of the United States was, on motion of Sir Knight A. B. Cudworth, adopted.

The Grand Commandery was then called from labor to refreshment, until Wednesday evening, January 14, 1863, at 7 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 14, 1863—7 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor by the R. E. G. Commander.

The R. E. G. Commander then proceeded to exemplify the Work, together with the Order of Knights of Malta, as conferred separate and independent of the Order of Knights Templar, in a very comprehensive and instructive manner.

The Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

GEO. W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1863.

The Grand Commandery met in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, June 2, A. D. 1863, A. O. 745, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir JOHN CLARK, St. Clair, R. E. Grand Commander.
LUMAN R. ATWATER, Gd. Rapids, V. E. Dep. Gd. Commander.
Rev. D. B. TRACEY, Petersburg, E. Grand Generalissimo.
BENJAMIN PORTER, Jackson, E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. D. BRAYTON LYON, Ionia, E. Grand Prelate.
H. R. JOHNSON, Detroit, *as* E. Grand Senior Warden.
RICHARD ROWE, Hillsdale, *as* E. Grand Junior Warden.
GEO. W. WILSON, Ionia, E. Grand Recorder.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
GEO. A. FITCH, Kalamazoo, *as* E. Grand Standard Bearer.
D. B. NICHOLS, Detroit, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
G. B. NOBLE, Detroit, E. Grand Warder.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.
FRANK DARROW, P. R. E. Grand Commander.
MOORE, of the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati.

The Grand Commandery was opened in AMPLE FORM.

The following Committee on Credentials was appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander: Geo. A. Fitch, Richard Rowe, and James A.

Dyer, who reported the following Sir Knights entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

All Grand Officers, and P. G. Officers, entitled to seats.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

G. B. Noble, E. C.

Edward LeFavour, G.

H. R. Johnson, C. G.

D. B. Nichols, P. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

T. A. Flower, E. C.

D. A. Wright, proxy for G.

Bela Coggshall, proxy for C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

Richard Rowe, P. E. C., and Rep.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 4—

F. W. King, Rep.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

C. J. Kruger, C. G., and proxy for E. C.

John F. Godfroy, G.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Not Represented.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

E. White, proxy for E. C.

Ralph Wadhams, G.

R. H. Jenks, proxy for C. G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

Geo. A. Fitch, E. C.

Ebenezer Sprague, proxy for G. and C. G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

James A. Dyer, Rep.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

Seaman L. Dart, E. C.

A. Allen, G.

D. Bovee, proxy for C. G.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

P. H. Taylor, Rep. of Com.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight Atwater offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Sir Knights in good standing, residing or sojourning in Detroit, be invited to seats in this Grand Body.

Sir Knight Atwater offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was accepted and laid upon the table for one year:

Resolved, That in Art. 1, Sec. 4, page 110, of the statutes, the figure "6" be stricken out, and "7" inserted.

The following committee was appointed to examine and report on the new Work: Geo. A. Fitch, Frank Darrow and G. B. Noble.

The Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock Wednesday A. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 3, 1863—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Commandery was called to labor by the R. E. Grand Commander, who announced the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

Bela Coggshall, W. F. King. P. H. Taylor.

ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS—

Frank Darrow, E. Sprague, Ralph Wadhams.

ON FINANCE—

E. Sprague, G. B. Noble, Geo. A. Fitch.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

G. B. Noble, C. J. Kruger, T. A. Flower.

ON GRIEVANCES—

L. R. Atwater, D. B. Tracey, E. White.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

B. Porter, H. R. Johnson, S. L. Dart.

ON RETURNS—

P. H. Taylor, A. Allen, D. B. Nichols.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Geo. W. Wilson, Richard Rowe, James A. Dyer

On motion of Sir Knight Kruger, the election of officers was made the special order for 11 o'clock A. M.

A petition from Monroe Commandery, No. 4, praying this Grand Body to change the name and location of said Commandery to Adrian, was received, and referred to Sir Knights A. G. Allen, Bela Coggshall and C. J. Kruger.

The R. E. Grand Commander then delivered his address, which was referred to Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Michigan:

Once again, through the tender mercies of a kind beneficent Providence, are we assembled in fraternal union. It is with feelings of no ordinary nature that I now address you. My heart is filled with gratitude to God for His mercies to our beloved Order, and for the blessings He has conferred upon us, individually and collectively. I am not aware of anything which has marred the happiness, or disturbed the peace and harmony of this Grand Body, during the past year. We are about to review our past labors, and to take counsel for the future prosperity of our Order. Let us exemplify the courtesy which Christian Knighthood inculcates in all our deliberations, and imitate the example of Him who proclaimed "peace on earth, good will toward men." If there exists any differences of opinion among us, let us express them with respect and fraternal kindness, bearing in mind that he who has learned to conquer himself, is best prepared for the conquest of the world.

The report of our Treasurer will exhibit the state of our finances, and show the amount received by our subordinate Commanderies, under the resolution passed at our conclave in June, 1862. The Sir Knights will recollect, that at our triennial meeting of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, held in the city of Chicago, September, 1859, the next meeting of said Body was appointed to be held in the city of Memphis, on the first Tuesday in September, 1862. In consequence of our national difficulties, it was thought to be impossible to hold said meeting at the place appointed. Therefore, on the twenty-sixth of May, 1862, Hon. Benjamin Brown French, Most Eminent Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, issued an edict, summoning the officers and members of said Grand Encampment to meet with him, in the city of New York, on the first Monday of September, 1862, to consider as to

the proper and best place to hold the next triennial Conclave. In obedience to said summons, I attended said meeting. Sir Wanslow Lewis, V. E. G. Generalissimo, introduced the resolutions on page seven of the printed proceedings of said meeting, and on Tuesday, the second day of September, 1862, the fifteenth triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America assembled in Odd Fellows' Hall, in the city of New York, at ten o'clock A. M. It affords me much pleasure to be able to say that a large number of the States were represented; that the meeting was one of interest, pleasure and harmony. The recollection of fraternal love there expressed will be cherished by all the Sir Knights who attended the meetings of the Grand Body. I received a notice from Sir Knight G. W. Wilson, our Grand Recorder, that he was leaving the State for the war—leaving with the Twenty-first Michigan Infantry—and recommending Sir Knight James Kennedy as acting Recorder. I, therefore, on the fifteenth day of September, 1862, appointed Sir Knight James Kennedy, (for the time being), E. G. Recorder. On the return of Sir Knight G. W. Wilson, in January last, he resumed his former duties as Grand Recorder.

On the 4th day of October, 1862, I issued my circular to each subordinate Commandery of this Grand Body, requesting them to send delegates, on the second Monday in January, 1863, for special meeting to act upon the edicts passed by the General Grand Encampment at its Fifteenth Triennial Meeting, in September, 1862.

In pursuance of said call for a special meeting of the Grand Commandery, the officers and members assembled in Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on Monday, the 12th of January, 1863, at 7 o'clock P. M. Whereupon the several edicts of the Grand Encampment were adopted, and likewise a uniform system of work and drill. It was highly gratifying to meet so large a number of the Sir Knights as were in attendance. At the close of our special meeting, by request of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, I visited said Commandery, and assisted in conferring on a number of candidates the orders of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta. I remained with them two days, and received from all the Sir Knights whom I met the utmost attention, courtesy and kindness. It would have afforded me great satisfaction to have been able to visit each of the subordinates attached to this Grand Body.

Sir Knights! In view of the state of our country, I presume there has not been an address from any of our Grand Bodies connected with Masonry, in which their feelings on this unhappy subject have not been fully expressed. While Masonry lays no restraint upon the political or religious sentiments of its members, their discussion is not to be tolerated in our Lodges, Chapters, Councils or Commanderies; but as Knights, the descendants of that age which begat the spirit of chivalry, ever are bound to be true and loyal to the Government of the country in which we live, and to uphold the right; as loyal citizens, there is no way by which we may so well demonstrate our loyalty to our country as by sustaining the flag, the Constitution and the Union. These constitute the sheet-anchor of our peace at home, and safety abroad.

Templarism may be classed under three heads, Ancient Craft or Symbolic Masonry, Templar, and Chivalry or Military. Symbolic Masonry is based upon the same great and eternal principles that were given to the twelve tribes of Israel, the moral law, as given to Moses on Mount Sinai, by God himself, which teaches the relation in which we stand to Jehovah as our God, considering who He is, and what He has done for us, to render a service suited to His perfections, and honorable to His name. We "should not take the name of the Lord our God in vain"; we are reminded of that Sabbath which had been previously known to the Patriarchs, which was to be kept holy; of the relative duties of parents and children; our love to our neighbor, his person, his life, his purity and domestic happiness, his property, his reputation; and we are not to covet anything that is our neighbor's. These are the moral principles, which are love, reverence, awe, obedience, to "do unto others as you would they should do unto you." These embrace the moral obligations binding upon man. Whatever is moral obligation, is Masonic obligation. The condition of the covenant which God made with Abraham and his descendents was obedience, and a strict compliance with its requirement insured the blessing. It admitted of not the slightest variation; its sacrifices were to be such as God had chosen and required; its color must be red, a heifer, without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came a yoke.

No substitute, or innovation, will be tolerated. From the Book of the Law, Masonry derives her ceremonies, ritual, and landmarks; all of which are enforced upon our minds as a type of that which is to follow. Masonry admits of no change in her ceremonies, lectures, or

work; but requires a strict conformity to her ancient landmarks. Free Masonry is a moral order, presenting to our minds the most sublime truths in the midst of the most innocent and social pleasures, founded on Liberality, Brotherly love and Charity. It is a delightful system of morality, illustrated by symbols. Truth is its centre, pointing to its disciples a correct knowledge of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and the moral law which He has ordained for their government. The Masonic emblem and symbol appeal to his dual nature, they heighten the effect of moral principles, and incite to noble action, by vivid delineation. In all ages it has been the object of Masonry, not only to improve the minds of its members, by instructing them in the sciences and useful arts, but to improve their *hearts*, by enforcing the precepts of religion and morality. The principal points of Masonry are threefold, and comprise the exalted virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. The cardinal virtues are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. Like all sciences, whether moral or physical, Free Masonry is progressive; and a perfect knowledge of it can only be acquired by time, patience, and close study of its principles. What a sublime field for moral investigation, and critical research, do the liberal arts and sciences afford! A correct knowledge of Masonry, in all its moral teachings, symbolic illustrations, physical science, its order of achitecture, the science of human nature, the liberal arts and sciences, the variety of appropriate emblems, its lectures, ceremonies and work, or rituals, are to be attained by perseverance, and will afford to the good Mason as great a cause of gratification as was obtained by the perseverance of Charlemagne, Hannibal, Bonaparte, or by our illustrious and beloved Brother, Washington. The Craft Mason, who has been instructed in the principles of nature, and taught a knowledge of the Grand Architect of the Universe, is, in the Royal Arch degree, pointed to the Triune God, the Jehovah of the Scriptures. He passes thence from the old dispensation to the new, from the Temple of Solomon to Bethlehem and Calvary, from types and shadows to the revealed Gospel.

Templarism is based upon the same principles as Craft or Symbolic Masonry, the moral law, to which a new command is added. Symbolic Masonry is to the Christian Knight what the Jewish Law was to the Apostle—his instructor. "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel,

saith the Lord, I will put my laws in their minds, and write it in their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." A new covenant he hath made. "The first old, now that which decayeth and waxeth old, is ready to vanish away. If that which is done away was glorious, much more is that which remaineth glorious."

The Orders of the Christian Knighthood are founded upon the Old and New Testaments; from these the principles, both of Masonry and Christian Knighthood, are derived, and thus they are recognized as the only infallible rule of faith and practice among Masons. Our principles, our purposes, our morals, being derived from the Word of God, and as taught in the Christian religion, they are those which should influence the hearts of all good Sir Knights, inciting them to constant deeds of charity, of benevolence, of doing good. Fully exemplified by the blessed Immanuel whilst upon earth, principles which, if cherished and practiced by every Christian Knight, would shed light, and joy, and happiness upon all circles in which they move, and finally convert the moral wastes of this world into well watered gardens. We wage war against oppression, infidelity and every system of error; our principles, our mission, the relations we occupy, and the requirements of our Order, demand that we should blend humility with faith, penitence with courage, meekness and courtesy with a firm adherence to the truth. Then let us seek a saving interest in the ever blessed Redeemer, and in the volume of Divine truth that wisdom which is from above, which alone gives us the true philosophy of life, the knowledge of the future, and in the gloomy hour of death, that peace, consolation and joy which the world cannot give nor take away. Sir Knights, we are the descendants of an illustrious line of heroes of former ages, and should carefully revert to the past, scrutinize our early history, our ceremonies and our ritual, in order to transmit to those who shall succeed us the very principles that gave birth to Templarism. We should carefully guard our Institution from any innovation or change, but, as far as we can, preserve it in its primitive beauty. It is the brilliant history of an Order, and her time-honored principles, which throw a halo of glory around her name. It is these which have elevated the standard of our Order, under which we all love to rally, and to the defense of which our very lives are pledged.

It is very difficult to fix the time when Chivalry first made its appearance. Its origin is so entirely buried in darkness, even history is at fault. Some have supposed that it descended from the Equestrian Order

of the ancient Romans; others, again, have imagined that the Franks, and the other of the German nations, who, on the fall of the Roman Empire, subdued and divided Gaul, brought with them the seeds of Chivalry. But the oath of the Franks was one of service to their Prince, while that of the Knight was to his God and society. The one promised to defend his leader; the other to protect the oppressed, and to uphold the right. Others supposed the origin of Chivalry to be found among the ancient warlike tribes of the Normans, who, toward the ninth century, invaded the southern part of Europe, and established themselves principally in France; and certainly, both in their traditions and even in their actions, as recorded by Ablon, an eye witness to their deeds in the siege of Paris, there is to be found an energetic and romantic spirit, not unlike that which animated Chivalry; still there is much wanting. The great object of Chivalry, *the defense of the weak*, was absent, as well as every form and ceremony. The object of the Norman's courage was plunder, and all that he had in common with the Knight was *valor*, *contempt of death*, and a touch of savage generosity that threw but a faint light over his dark and stormy barbarities.

Many persons, again, have attributed the foundation of Chivalry to the brilliant and magnificent reign of Charlemagne, yet there is nothing in the authentic records of that mighty chieftain which gives the slightest reason to suppose that Chivalry was known during his reign, though his great system of warfare had that, in common with Chivalry, which *all* warfare must have—feats of daring courage, heroic valor, bursts of feeling, and magnanimity; and as much of the sublime as mighty ambition, guided by genius, and elevated by a noble object, can achieve. Yet the government of Charlemagne expired like a meteor that, having suddenly broken upon the night of ages, and blazed brilliantly over a continent for a brief space, fell, and left all in deeper darkness than before. His dominion divided into petty kingdoms, his successors waging war against each other, the nations he had subdued shaking off the yoke, the enemies he had conquered avenging themselves upon his descendants; the laws he had established, the union he had cemented, the bright order he established throughout Europe, was dissolved. It was during this reign of distraction and terror that individuals who, either by corporeal strength, advantageous position, wealth or habit, could influence the minds of others, snatched at that portion of the divided empire which lay nearest to his means, and claimed that power as a gift which had only been entrusted as a loan. The custom of hold-

ing lands, by military service, had come down to the French from their German ancestors; and the Dukes, the Counts, the Generals, as well as inferior officers, who, in former days, had led the armies, or commanded in the province, as "servants to the crown," now arrogated to themselves hereditary rights in the charges to which they had been entrusted, and, in their own behalf, claimed the feudal service of the soldiers, to whom lands had been granted, instead of preserving their allegiance for their sovereign. Great confusion and desperate struggles, as a consequence, followed. Bands of plunderers ranged through the whole of France and Germany, property was held by the sword, cruelty and injustice reigned alone. The history of that age was filled up with scenes of massacre, bloodshed, torture, crime and misery; under this state of things, personal courage rose to the highest point; in this condition of utter insecurity, the most daring feats of personal valor became an absolute necessity. It was then that some poor nobles, suffering *themselves* from oppression, touched with sincere compassion for the wretchedness they witnessed around them, first leagued together, with the holy purpose of redressing wrongs, and defending the weak. They gave their hands to one another in solemn pledge that they would not turn back from the work. Thus a reacting spirit of order was born from the very bosom of confusion. The Church readily yielded its sanction to an Order so noble, aided it with prayers, and sanctified it with solemn blessing. Religious enthusiasm was now added to righteous indignation and charitable zeal, and the spirit of Chivalry, like the spark struck from the hard steel or cold flint, was kindled into a sudden flame; the spirit spread rapidly, and the adoration of the people, who almost deified their heroic defenders, gave fresh vigor and purity to the design. Every moral virtue became a part of Knightly honor, and the men whose hands were ever ready to draw the sword in defense of innocence, and who, in their conduct, set the most brilliant example, whose sole object was the establishment of right, and over whom no earthly fear or interested consideration held sway, were recognized as judges and appealed to as arbitrators; public opinion raised them above *all other* men, even above kings. Thus Chivalry no longer became a simple engagement between a few generous and valiant men, but took the form of a great and powerful Order. It now became necessary that an Order thus established in society should be distinguished by particular signs and ceremonies, which would guard it against imposition. The precise time when Chivalry was thus founded is very uncertain;

but historians usually date the time about the eleventh century. Everything in that age was confusion. The spirit of Chivalry had for its great object the restoration of order. There cannot be a doubt that Chivalry, more than any other institution (religion excepted), aided to work out the civilization of Europe. It taught reverence to those fair beings who had no defense except their beauty and gentleness. It raised love above the passions of the brute, and, by dignifying woman, made her more worthy of love. It gave purity to enthusiasm, crushed barbarous selfishness, taught the heart to expand like a flower in the sunshine, beautified glory with generosity, and smoothed even the rugged brow of war.

The Order of Knights Templar originated between the first and second crusades, under the reign of Baldwin. Some French knights who had followed the first crusade, animated beyond their fellows, influenced by the religious and military zeal which inspired that enterprise, entered into a solemn agreement to aid each other in freeing the highways of the Holy Land, protecting pilgrims, and fighting against the enemies of the Cross. They bound themselves to obey the commands of their Grand Master, to defend the Christian faith, and to cross the seas in aid of their brethren. The founders of the Templars were Hugh de Payens, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar and seven other knights who had signalized themselves in the religious wars. Having no fixed dwelling, the Templars were assigned lodgings in a palace near the Temple, from whence they derived the name of Templar. The clergy of the Temple conferred on their Order a space of ground between the Temple and the palace for military purposes.

At the Council of Troyes their situation was considered, and a suitable dress was appointed, to which was added the Templar's or Red Cross. Hugh de Payens was selected as their Grand Master in the year 1118. They also adopted a banner, which was white, with the red cross. They likewise bore to the battlefield a banner of white and black. Their valor became so noted that, like that of the Tenth Legion, it was a support to itself. They would have been ashamed to ask the number of the enemy: their only inquiry was, "Where are they?" In courage and discipline, the Templars surpassed all the crusaders, and, with the Hospitallers, were the defense, or bulwarks, of the kingdom of Jerusalem. After the fall of Acre, the Templars retired to Cyprus, and from thence spread themselves throughout Europe, to enjoy their vast possessions. On the return of the English, at the end of the third cru-

sade, the Templars, who came with them, established the Encampment of Baldwin at Bristol, which preserved its existence, under an unbroken succession of Grand Masters, from Hugh de Payens down to the present time. From Bristol, Bath and York Encampments emanated the existing Encampments in the British Islands and the United States. Thus the Order has preserved its ancient ceremonies, landmarks and name.

The Order of Hospitallers, known as the Knights of Malta—which Order, with its ritual, is now recognized by the Grand Encampment—like that of the Templar, originated in Palestine about the same time. Some gentlemen having been led to Jerusalem, partly from feelings of devotion, partly in pursuit of commerce, had witnessed the misery to which pilgrims were exposed on their road to the Holy Land, and resolved to found a hospital in which pious travelers might be protected. The influence which these Italian merchants possessed through their commercial relations easily obtained permission to establish the institution proposed. A piece of ground near the supposed spot of the Holy Sepulchre was assigned to them, and the chapel and hospital were accordingly built. A religious house was also constructed for charitable persons of both sexes who chose to dedicate themselves to the service of the pilgrims. The Order was divided into three classes—Knights, Clergy and serving Brothers. The Knights were chosen from the military rank of the Hospitallers, and commanded in battle and in the hospital. The Clergy, besides their ordinary duties, served as Chaplains in the field, and the serving Brothers fought under the Knights in battle. They increased in number and in wealth, and became a powerful Order. Having been driven out of Palestine, they settled in Rhodes. They were expelled from Rhodes by the Turks, and after the city was reduced to a mere heap of ruins, upon the generous offer of the Emperor Charles V., they removed to the island of Malta, October, 1530. The Templar and the Knight of Malta are based upon the same principles, and were ever ready to meet the enemy in defense of the same. The age and occasion that gave them birth, the adventurous and warlike element of their character, have passed away; but its moral and beneficent principle still remains bright, in all its primitive beauty and loveliness, to incite, as in the day of its greatest glory, that spirit of refined and moral Chivalry which prompts us to press onward in the cause of truth and justice.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Sir Knight Godfroy offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was accepted and laid upon the table for one year:

Resolved, That in Art. 1, Sec. 4, page 110, of the Constitution, the word "June" be stricken out, and "September" inserted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Monroe Commandery, No. 4, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the location of Monroe Commandery, No. 4, be removed to the city of Adrian, and the name changed to Adrian Commandery, No. 4.

A. ALLEN,
BELA COGGSHALL,
C. J. KRUGER.

The following Sir Knights were elected as Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Sir Knights Sligh and Dart were appointed tellers:

Sir L. R. Atwater, Grand Rapids, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir Rev. D. B. Tracey, Petersburg, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
Sir Benjamin Porter, Jackson, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Geo. A. Fitch, Kalamazoo, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. D. Brayton Lyon, Ionia, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir T. A. Flower, Pontiac, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Seaman L. Dart, Coldwater, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir G. W. Wilson, Ionia, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir D. B. Nichols, Detroit, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir Richard Rowe, Hillsdale, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir G. B. Noble, Detroit, E. Grand Warder.
Sir Charles D. Howard, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Commandery was then called from labor to refreshment, until 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 3—2 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Returns reported the following as correct.

Detroit Commandery, No. 1.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3.

Monroe Commandery, No. 4.
De Molay Commandery, No. 5.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6, (no returns).
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7.
Peninsular Commandery, No. 8.
Jackson Commandery, No. 9.
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10.
Ionia Commandery, No. 11.

Sir Knight P. H. Taylor offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Sir Knights Tracey, G. B. Noble and C. H. Brown be, and are hereby appointed a committee to procure a suitable jewel, to be presented to P. G. Commander, Sir John Clark.

The Grand Recorder then read his report on Foreign Correspondence:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report, that they have received the printed proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies, viz.:

CALIFORNIA—11th and 12th November, 1862.
ILLINOIS—October, 1862.
INDIANA—April, 1862.
KENTUCKY—June, 1862.
MAINE—1862.
NEW YORK—September, 1862.
NEW JERSEY—September, 1862.
PENNSYLVANIA—June, 1862.
VERMONT—January, 1863, and
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES—September, 1862.

CALIFORNIA.

This Grand Commandery convened in the city of San Francisco, November 11, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744. Seven Commanderies were represented.

The proceedings are very voluminous, and evince much application and ability; but as they chiefly apply to domestic matters, your committee find but little for comment. They, however, present the following, from the report of a committee, of whom Sir I. L. English was chairman, as very clear and distinctive:

"Your committee, to whom was referred the protest of Sir James A Murray, against the action of Marysville Commandery, No. 7, in his case, would respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration. They find that Sir James is mistaken, both as to the action of the Commandery, and the effect of the action had. He supposes that he had been suspended from all the rights and privileges of a Knight Templar, and consequently that he would be prohibited from visiting the Commandery in a sister State, in which he was knighted, and prays for an honorable discharge. Instead of having been suspended from all the rights and privileges of a Knight Templar, your committee find that he was merely *excluded* from the Commandery, being an unaffiliated Master Mason, and as such, by the provisions of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California, suspended from all rights and privileges of Masonry within its jurisdiction. As a suspended Mason, we, as Knights Templar, can hold no Masonic intercourse with him. But the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State does not affect his standing as a Knight Templar beyond her limits. The moment Sir James passes her boundaries, he is not, in that respect at least, affected by its provisions, but is a Mason in good and regular standing, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of such, subject to the provisions of the constitution and regulations of the Grand Bodies within whose jurisdiction he may be."

Your committee refer to the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, to be found in a subsequent part of this report, as applicable to the points involved in the above.

R. E. Sir Charles Marsh, of Nevada, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Lawrence C. Owen, of San Francisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

This Grand Body has seven subordinates, and numbers 301 Sir Knights.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Body convened in the city of Chicago, on Tuesday, October 28, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744. Eleven Commanderies were represented.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in their review of our proceedings in 1861, remark as follows:

"The proceedings of fifteen Grand Bodies are received, our own among the number, *in a short paragraph* of three and one-half lines."

We will endeavor to devote more space to her affairs, and very opportunely find something of *still greater importance* than last year.

In the review of Maine, the following is extracted, to which your committee refer to the decisions of the M. E. Grand Master of the United States, in a subsequent part of this report:

"This is no place to discuss the laws of Blue Masonry; but we would ask, are we to be governed by the constitutions and laws of any Grand Lodge of Masons? or, have not we statutes and regulations of our own for our government? If we have such, and if we are really a sovereign and independent Order, acknowledging allegiance as Templars to no Grand Lodge, let us then, as Templars, demand what is our just and inalienable right—trial by our peers—a right that should never be tamely surrendered by any Templar.

"The committee of Maine hardly state the resolution fairly. It was, 'That suspension from a Lodge or Chapter, for non-payment of dues, of one who is a Knight Templar, does not affect his standing or Knightly privileges in a Commandery of Knights Templar.'

"Your committee are of opinion that it is a manifest injustice to any Sir Knight to exclude him from his Commandery for the non-payment of dues to a body of Masons foreign to this. A committee of the G. E. of the U. S., in 1856, among whom we may name those distinguished Sir Knights, Philip C. Tucker and Charles W. Moore, reported 'That suspension of a member of a Blue Lodge should not affect the standing of a Knight in his Encampment, unless such suspension was for immoral conduct.' This *we* hold to be good Templar law.

"In our opinion, there is too much, and too constant a reference to the laws of Grand Lodges; and we see no reason why we should be bound so closely to observe the laws of a body which recognizes no other influence in Masonry but that wielded by itself.

"Will any Lodge, or Grand Lodge, refuse admission to a Brother who is also a Templar, and yet may have been suspended for non-payment of dues in his Commandery? If there is a case on record on this continent, we would like to hear of it. We, as Templars, have privileges and usages of our own, and we can see *nothing* to bind us to follow in the footsteps of any Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. For instance, a Templar may wish to resign his membership in the Lodge, but retaining it in the Commandery; he cannot obtain a dimit, and the only way he has left to obtain his release, is by being suspended from his Lodge (mind this, his Lodge,) for non-payment of dues. Is it a

violation of his O. B., or a defrauding of his Lodge, if he asks for a dimit, and it is refused him, and he should then be suspended for non-payment of dues? We opine not. Again, he meets *all* his obligations to his Commandery promptly; he makes application for admission to the Asylum, but he is refused. Why, forsooth? because *he has been suspended from a Lodge or Chapter for non-payment of dues.* We know nothing against him beyond this, and then never officially. We take his money, and then debar him from his just rights. Who is then the party defrauded? There is no statute or regulation known to your committee, justifying such a course, either in Grand or Subordinate Body. It is simply a resolution passed at some particular Grand Conclave; and one among many others, equally ridiculous, and never thoroughly ventilated. We fall short of none in our affection for Symbolic Masonry; but we do hold that we, *as* Templars, have nothing to do with Blue Laws. We have been governed by them too long, and it is high time the matter should be stopped, and that we pay a little more attention to the laws of our own Order, and leave the discussion of Lodge and Chapter where it legitimately belongs."

The committee refer the above subject matter to the decision of the M. E. Grand Master in a subsequent part of this report.

This Grand Commandery has twelve subordinates, and returns a roll of four hundred and four Sir Knights.

R. E. Sir Geo. W. Deering, of Chicago, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir H. C. Ranney, of Chicago, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA.

This Grand Body convened at the city of Fort Wayne, April 1, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744.

No list of delegates, or number of Commanderies represented, is given.

We subjoin the following, from the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, Sol. D. Bayless:

"I love the Masonic institution; it has many beauties and benefits that are endearing to me, *but as a man and a Mason, I would give up all my attachments to societies, friends and brethren,* before I would approve the act of those in rebellion against this government, or cease to uphold this, the best government upon earth, or those who are striving to sustain its integrity and power."

Your committee likewise quote from the R. E. Commander's review of our own proceedings, viz.:

"The Grand Commander (Sir W. P. Innes) says much upon the present rebellion, and while we coincide with him on various points, we can never endorse some of his positions. He says:

"'The Masons of the North cannot cease to regard and receive as brothers the Masons of the South.'"

"Our views are otherwise. When a Mason engages in, or countenances, disloyalty or rebellion, and will not conform to the laws of the country in which he resides, he is no longer a worthy Mason, *and we are not bound to recognize* or receive such into fellowship. He has, by such conduct, thrown off his allegiance to his country by rebellion, to our Fraternity by violating his vows, and thereby liberated us from any obligation to protect, respect or receive him into fellowship, until he has been *legally healed*, by the laws and regulations of the government he has wronged, and the Masonic institution he has disgraced by rebellious conduct." Also,

"Sir Geo. W. Wilson, G. R., made a report on correspondence, in which he notices the proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and others, with a skillful pen, and patriotic promptings of the heart."

"We acknowledge the foregoing compliment, but cannot endorse the sentiments generally expressed by R. E. Grand Commander of Indiana. We would respectfully inform him, that the author of the sentiment (Sir Knight Innes) to which he objects, has been a colonel in the Federal army for nearly two years. We presume he would reiterate them to-day; they are sentiments which are not only in accordance with the spirit of our institutions, but with the laws of God, religion, and common humanity.

"It is an old adage, that those who succeed in rebellion are patriots, those who fail are traitors.

"We claim to be loyal to our country, but we claim the doctrine to be a monstrous heresy, that Masonic duties and obligations can be thrown off at will, in consequence of religious, political, or civil differences. The construction given by the R. E. Grand Commander, would have ostracised George Washington in the opinion of Masons living under the British crown, for no intelligent man, we presume, disputes but what he was in rebellion against British tyranny and misrule. But enough of this. We will close the matter by entering our solemn protest against our cherished institution being used as an

instrument of partizanship, war or bloodshed. Its mission is "Peace on earth, good will to men."

R. E. Sir Solomon D. Bayless, of Fort Wayne, was re-elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Francis King, of Indianapolis, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Five subordinate Commanderies return a roll of 187 Sir Knights.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Body held its Annual Conclave in the city of Lexington, June 12, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744. Four out of nine Commanderies were represented.

Your committee select the following from the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, which has the ring of the true metal:

"When we see our once peaceable, happy and prosperous country filled with the turmoil, strife, and desolation of a civil war, we can do no less than admonish you of the duties you owe each other. Remember that '*indiscretion in others should not destroy humanity in us.*' Our duty is to protect the innocent, assist the destitute, relieve the distressed, to bind up the wounds of the afflicted, and to inculcate the sublime principles of charity and hospitality. Let our influence be exerted to a proper und just solution of the difficulties around us, and a speedy restoration of the peace, prosperity, and confidence we heretofore enjoyed.

"The office of your Grand Commander has been a sinecure during the past year, he not having been called upon to perform any official duties. In our jurisdiction, everything having been compelled to yield to the influences of the times, no advance, we presume, has been made in the progress of Templar Masonry."

Five Commanderies represented return a roll of 212 Sir Knights.

R. E. Sir L. C. Steadman, of Georgetown, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Wm. C. Munger, of Louisville, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

This Grand Body held its Annual Conclave in the city of Portland, May 6, A. D. 1862. Four Commanderies were represented.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in their review of Illinois, has the following:

"The committee take a somewhat similar view to our own of the decisions of the Grand Commandery of California, to which we alluded

last year. They, however, go farther, and proposed a resolution that 'suspension from a Lodge or Chapter does not affect a Sir Knight's standing in the Commandery.' We think they go too far, and the Grand Commandery refused to pass the resolution. We understand this to be the true distinction. A brother may be expelled or suspended from Masonry, which excludes him from all the rights of a Mason; or he may be expelled or suspended from membership in his particular Lodge, which only deprives him of the rights and privileges of Lodge membership, but leaves him a Mason still. It has been doubted whether a Lodge could expel a brother from Masonry for non-payment of his dues; but the better opinion seems to be they may, for a refusal to perform his promise to pay dues, assumed on acquiring membership, is, if willful, a defrauding his Lodge, and is unmasonic conduct.

"The Grand Lodge of California, however, has attempted to declare brethren suspended from Masonry without a trial, and without notice; and that, too, for non-compliance with a regulation which the brother may be willing, *desirous*, to comply with, but which he is prevented by the Lodges themselves from doing, thereby making his misfortune, or the likings or dislikings, or it may be unmasonic conduct of others, a crime in him. Such injustice needs only to be stated to be seen."

Your committee present, also, the following extract from the close of the Report on Foreign Correspondence:

"The change of names made by the Constitution of 1856 has been very unpalatable to some Grand Commanderies. Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Connecticut and Ohio have thus far refused to obey the Constitution, still styling themselves Grand Encampments, their presiding officers Grand Masters, and their subordinates Encampments. We are free to express our belief that the change was, at the time it was made, injudicious. Yet names do not constitute Masonry or Chivalry, while the duty of obedience to the constituted authority is the very essence of both. Were we to refuse obedience, we should abandon the substance for the merest shadow. We do not believe a return to the old names would now be judicious, for most of the reason which can be urged against the original change."

They hold the following relative to the burial service:

"Several Grand Commanderies are dissatisfied with the adoption of the Templar burial service, while we believe a majority are pleased with it. The Grand Commandery of New York, with whom it originated, have felt it necessary to prepare a defense of the service. The

objection is, that the right of Masonic burial appertains by immemorial right to the Master Mason's degree. We agree that none but a Master Mason is entitled to Masonic burial; but we have yet to learn that the Master Mason's Lodge has a claim upon the body of a departed brother, or a *right* to perform its services exclusively. So far different have we been taught that we had supposed the motion should always come from the brother himself, the Lodge performing its rites when requested, and never otherwise. So is the Templar burial service. If the brother requests it, Christian Knights perform Christian rites around his grave. Can it be that, on becoming a Master Mason, a brother loses his right to Christian sepulture, but must take Masonic rites instead? Such would be the logical results of the objection to our service. We believe the matter is safer where both rites place it—in the desire of the dying brother. We certainly hope that neither Lodge or Commandery would presume, uninvited, to perform their rites at the grave of a departed brother."

The committee have the following trite remarks on the question of costume:

"The next question is what has been somewhat irreverently styled the wardrobe question. Immediately after the Triennial Conclave in 1859, a large majority of the Grand Commanderies directed the Regulation Costume to be used. Some have since abandoned that position, leaving, however, still a majority in favor of the new dress. Its historical and symbolical correctness are not disputed; but the great expense of a change, or even of getting the new, are operating against it."

The followtng closing paragraph indicates the heart of the committee to be in the right place:

"The war occupies a large portion of the addresses of Grand Commanders, and the reports of committees. At the beginning of the year, the influence of the teachings of our Institution was to be seen in the appeal to all to exert the influence of the fraternity to prevent the necessity of an appeal to arms.

"When war had finally settled down like a black cloud over our country, we can still see the results of those teachings in the earnest caution to so conduct, as citizens, that no stain should blot our fame as patriots; while as Masons—as Christian Knights—we should never forget the charity that is due to all. That charity which 'suffereth long and is kind;' which 'seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked,

thinketh no evil;' which 'beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.' Which has made Masonry in the past, as we hope it will be in the future, a powerful means of removing the hatreds, the distrusts, and the other malevolent feelings which are engendered by war."

This Grand Jurisdiction has four subordinates, and returns a roll of — Sir Knights.

R. E. Sir Abner B. Thompson, of Brunswick, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Ira Berry, of Portland, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Body convened in Watertown, September 16, A. D. 1862. Nineteen Commanderies were represented. The venerable Sir Knight Rev. Salem Town delivered a very elegant historical address upon the spirit of chivalry, regarding its application and influence at the present day.

Your committee quote from the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Zenas C. Priest:

"And now, as we recognize so many familiar faces, grasp so many warm hand, and feel the presence of so many kindred hearts, let us reverently bow before the Eternal Presence, adoring Him, hearts filled with grateful acknowledgments for His manifold blessings, that out of His infinite mercy He has been pleased to overlook our many shortcomings, to turn aside from us the palsying hand of death, and permit us to meet in our fraternal assembly to review the past, and take counsel together for the future, in this retreat, sacred to the cause of virtue, where strife and animosity cannot come, where no contention is known, save that noble emulation of who can best work, and who best agree, and where we seek only to make manifest the gentle teachings of brotherly love, relief, and truth."

The R. E. Grand Commander also alludes to a case of insubordination and defiance of his authority, the substance of which is given below.

The R. E. Grand Commander received an appeal from certain officers of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, of the city of New York, against the action of their Commander and a minority of said body, in unlawfully striking from the roll the appellants.

The R. E. Grand Commander, upon an examination of the minutes,

discovered the action to have been taken, and a majority of the meetings to have been held in a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, therefore declaring such action illegal.

The books and papers were left with the E. C., Sir Knight Atterbury, with the understanding they were to be forthcoming at the next regular, which was not complied with, and an order from the R. E. Grand Commander, for the custody of said documents, was set at defiance; in consideration of which, the R. E. Grand Commander refused a hearing to Sir Knight Atterbury, and placed the matter in the hands of a committee, of whom Sir Knight Robert Macoy was one, who made the following report:

"Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the R. E. Grand Commander's address relating to the difficulty arising in Columbian Commandery, No. 1, do most fully approve the action of the R. E. Grand Commander in the matter.

"The case is an extraordinary one. A past officer of said Commandery having taken possession of the warrant, seal, and records of the Commandery, and having refused to deliver them over to the proper officers, your committee would recommend that authority, by duplicate warrant, without charges, be given to Columbian Commandery, to continue their labors, until their old warrant is recovered, or the further action of this Grand Body."

The Committee on Statutes and Regulations made the following report, in relation to a proposed amendment:

"That, in their view, the custom of 'striking from the roll,' for non-payment of dues, is one of recent invention, and 'more honored in the breach than the observance.' The honors of membership in this Order are not easily acquired; much time and considerable expense are entailed on all who seek admission, and it seems but fair that when such membership has been acquired, some graver offense than the non-payment of a year's dues should be required to deprive the Sir Knight of his privileges. Again, the effect of striking from the roll, is to place a Sir Knight in the worst possible position, leaving him not only non-affiliated, but debarred the privilege of connecting himself with any other Commandery, so long as one individual in the Commandery, which has decapitated him, chooses to veto his restoration. It is worse than suspension, for in that case a majority can restore; yet that, in reality a milder penalty, is only administered for some serious offense against the laws of morality or the Order. But it will be asked, how,

then, is a Commandery to enforce payment of dues from its members? We would reply, "By suspending them from the rights and privileges of membership, after due inquiry, until the arrearages are paid, and making the payment itself the necessary act of restoration; or, in other words, that whenever a Sir Knight, suspended for non-payment of dues, shall pay the amount charged against him at the time of such suspension, he shall at once become restored to all his rights and privileges, without further action of the Commandery.'

"We therefore report adversely to the proposed amendment."

This Grand Commandery has twenty-six subordinates and 1395 Sir Knights returned on the roll.

Sir Zenas C. Priest, of Utica, was re-elected R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir Robert Macoy, of New York, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Body held its Annual Conclave in the city of Trenton, September 11, 1862. Two Commanderies were represented.

There is evidently peace and harmony in this jurisdiction, no strife, contention, or vexed questions. The following resolution was adopted, which your committee recommend be adopted by this Grand Body:

"That each Commandery in this jurisdiction be required to notify the Grand Recorder of the names and address of the officers elected, immediately after each annual election."

This Grand Body has three Commanderies, and 83 Sir Knights returned on the roll.

PENNSYLVANIA.

This Grand Body convened at Easton, June 10, 1862. Sixteen Commanderies were represented.

The proceedings of this Grand Body relate to questions solely of a local character, no question being raised or debated, except the question of voting in two capacities, to which the committee refer to the decisions of the M. E. Grand Master in a subsequent part of this report

This Grand Body has nineteen subordinates, returning a roll of (not given) Sir Knights.

R. E. Sir Edward H. Turner, of Saxton, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Alfred Creigh, of Washington, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

This Grand Commandery convened at Burlington, January 13, A. D. 1863. Four Commanderies were represented. No questions of interest were introduced or discussed; all is evidently peace and harmony.

Your committee present, from the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Gamaliel Washburn, the following, which are truly the sentiments of Christian Knighthood:

"In sitting down to review the proceedings of the different Commanderies before them, to gather, for your consideration and profit, glad tidings from the watchmen upon the outposts of the grand army of Christian Knights in America, your committee have been pained at the dearth of information of general interest which characterizes their proceedings. And to what cause shall we attribute this lukewarmness in an Order usually characterized by a zealous devotion to its principles, founded in honor and truth? Certainly not to the lack of a just appreciation by all true Christian Sir Knights of the advantages of a faithful application of those principles, as the rule and guide of faith, for examples are abundant to controvert such an assumption. But, rather, we must attribute it to the desolating effects of the awful fratricidal war which now rages with so much virulence, and which bids fair, ere long, to reduce to chaos those noble institutions which we, as Templars and Christian Knights, have ever held in reverence and affection; and which we had fondly hoped were to be perpetuated as a blessed inheritance for ages yet unborn. Let us not forget, although, perhaps, we may be antagonists upon the battlefield, that still we are Brothers. How sad to our hearts are those pages of mourning so frequent in the proceedings of our sister Grand Commanderies, lamenting the death, often, of the young, the gifted and noble Companion, who was a 'burning and a shining light' in the Order, and yet whose taper has been extinguished —a sacrifice to the Janus-faced god of war.

"But, Sir Knights, ours is an Order well seasoned to adversity, and the only consolation that remains to us, is the satisfaction of conscience consequent upon duty faithfully performed.

"'Sweet are the uses of adversity,
Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous,
Wears yet a precious jewel in its head.'"

This Grand Body has four subordinates, returning a roll of one hundred and ninety-four Sir Knights.

R. E. Sir Horatio Needham, of Bristol, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir J. B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, was elected Grand Recorder.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

This Supreme Grand Body held its Fifteenth Triennial Session in the city of New York, September 2, A. D. 1862, A. O. 744. Twelve State Grand Commanderies were represented, viz: Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont, Kentucky, Illinois, and five subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The session continued three days, and the following named Sir Knights were elected Grand Officers, who were duly installed by Past Grand Master, M. E. Sir Wm. B. Hubbard, viz:

Sir Benjamin Brown French, Washington, D. C., Grand Master.
Sir David Short Goodloe, Lexington, Ky., Deputy Grand Master.
Sir Zenas C. Priest, Utica, N. Y., Grand Generalissimo.
Sir Azariah T. C. Pierson, St. Paul, Minn., Grand Captain General.
Sir Wm. E. Sanford, New Haven, Conn., Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Solomon D. Bayless, Fort Wayne, Ind., Grand Junior Warden.
Sir John W. Simons, New York, Grand Treasurer.
Sir John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, Ohio, Grand Recorder.
Sir J. Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans, La., Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir James Stirratt, Baltimore, Md., Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir Jeremiah L. Hutchinson, Philadelphia, Penn., Grand Warden.

The most important matter found in the proceedings is, in the opinion of your committee, the decisions of the M. E. Grand Master, some of which are subjoined by your committee, and to which special reference has been made in our review. They present the following decisions by the M. E. Grand Master:

"If the members of a Commandery are duly notified by the Recorder of the time and place of a regular meeting thereof, if there be present the Recorder and either of the first three officers of the Commandery, it is a legal meeting under the Grand Constitution, and a record should be made of it, and it should be stated it did no business for want of a quorum. But although a record be not made, the Commandery should not suffer for the neglect of the Recorder, and he may show, afterwards, such an assemblage, and it must be admitted to be a legal meeting.

"Honorary membership does not entitle the Sir Knight holding it to a vote in a Commandery.

"After a clear ballot for a candidate, nothing except direct and undoubted testimony of unworthiness can interpose to prevent the conferring of the Orders. No mere notice, without full statement of the reasons for giving it, should be regarded as of any weight. If any Sir Knight states, in open Commandery, that he has reasons to give why a candidate who has passed the ordeal of a ballot should not be created a Sir Knight, those reasons must be received and duly weighed.

"No petition can be received signed by more than one candidate, nor can a petition be acted upon until it has been referred to a committee, and a report made. [This decision was made in consequence of its appearing on the records of a Commandery that *one* petition was received from nineteen Royal Arch Masons, and, without any reference to the petition, they were all elected to receive the Orders.]

"Expulsion (from the Order) deprives a Knight Templar of all his rights as a Templar. While expelled, he is driven from the Order; has no Templar standing, and, although he may be restored to his standing as a Knight by a majority vote, he cannot be restored to membership in the Commandery of which he was a member when expelled, except by being regularly elected by a unanimous ballot.

"Any Knight Templar, in good standing, is eligible to any office that the Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, or a subordinate Commandery may think proper to bestow upon him."

Reply to the Grand Captain General of a Grand Commandery, who thought the Grand Commander's work erroneous:

"Until I am either present, or called on by your Grand Commander, or Grand Commandery, the work must go on as your Grand Commander directs, although it be, in my opinion, erroneous. And, although I pronounce *your* work right, and, in my own presence, should insist upon its being done in my way, still, when in the presence of your own Commander, you are bound to obey his orders, unless they are so manifestly erroneous as to be an an entire departure from Templar Masonry, or a violation of your Templar vows.

"The action of a Blue Lodge, in suspending or expelling a Master Mason who is a K. T., should affect his standing in the Commandery. No Templar can hold Masonic intercourse with a suspended or an expelled Master Mason.

"Any officer of a Commandery, *except the Commander*, can resign. The Commander cannot."

Questions:

"1. Has a Past Commander of a subordinate Commandery, who also is an officer of a Grand Commandery, a right to vote in both capacities?

"2. If he is also a Past Grand Officer, does that give him an additional vote?

"3. If he also holds the proxies of the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of his own Commandery, can he vote three times more?"

Answer:

"I construe the Constitution to authorize each *individual*, who may be present at the meeting of a Grand Commandery, in conformity with the provisions of Sec. 1, of Art. 2, to be entitled to give *one vote* on account of his office, or past office, and to vote on all the proxies he may hold from absent officers, who would, if present, be entitle to vote, provided such proxies came within the provisions of the second section of said article, relating to proxies.

"On the first day of December, 1860, Sacramento Commandery adopted, by resolution, the costume established by the Grand Encampment of the United States.

"On the 6th of April, 1861, the Commandery, in the absence of the Commander, rescinded the resolution adopted.

"At the subsequent meeting in May, the Commander, being present, decided that the rescinding resolution was null and void, on the ground of unconstitutionality.

"On the ground that Sacramento Commandery, by adopting the costume ordered by the Grand Encampment of the United States, made the order of that superior Body its own, and they could not afterwards rescind it, because that would be, in fact, changing an order of the Grand Encampment. I sustained the decision of the Commander."

The next Triennial Meeting of the Grand Encampment was appointed to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on the first Tuesday of September, 1865.

Trusting this report may meet the approbation of this Grand Body, it is hereby courteously submitted.

GEO. W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Balance claimed by Hosmer & Kerr	$136 32
Due delegates and Grand Officers at session, 1862	95 14
Balance due on warrant to W. P. Innes	15 00
Balance due on warrant to F. Darrow	18 25
Indebtedness for 1862	$264 71
Due Grand Officers and members for per diem and mileage	180 00
Due P. G. C. Clark, (expenses to New York)	52 00
Due Recorder Wilson, bill printing, etc., stationery and postage	12 00
Due Recorder Wilson, for salary	50 00
Due G. A. Fitch, bill for printing	5 00
Due C. D. Howard, Sentinel	5 00
Due bill of S. D. Elwood	1 00
Total indebtedness	$569 71

ASSETS.

In hands of Treasurer	$ 59 04	
Due from assessment, 1862	132 00	
Receipts for dues	155 50	$346 54
		$223 17

The following amendment to the Constitution was accepted and laid upon the table for one year:

Resolved, That Paragraph 3, Sec. 10, Art. 2, be so amended that the annual dues to this Grand Body be one dollar for each Sir Knight, except Recorders.

Sir Knight Atwater offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the Grand Officers and Delegates relinquish one-half their mileage and per diem.

Sir Knight G. B. Noble offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That an assessment of fifty cents on each member of the subordinate Commanderies under this jurisdiction be made, and paid to this Grand Body at the next annual session, in order that the annual dues may net one dollar on each Sir Knight returned.

The Grand Officers were then installed by Past Grand Commander Sir John Clark.

Sir Knight Geo. A. Fitch offered the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed of Sir Knights of military experience whose duty shall be to take the diagrams of the requisite evolutions, and lay down the necessary orders to execute the movements of opening a Council and Commandery.

Also:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to go through with the work to be promulgated for the observance of subordinate Bodies, giving it a critical examination, supplying omissions, and correcting clerical errors.

Committee on first resolution: G. A. Fitch, G. B. Noble, C. J. Kruger.

Committee on second resolution: G. A. Fitch, Benjamin Porter, S. L. Dart.

On motion, the Grand Sentinel was allowed five dollars for services during present session, and the Grand Treasurer authorized to settle with Monroe Chapter the expenses of use of hall.

Sir Knight P. G. C. Sir Francis Darrow offered the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the printing of the proceedings of this Grand Body be confined to a circular letter, embracing the resolutions and proposed amendments, together with list of Grand Officers, etc.

Sir Knight Geo. W. Wilson, ex-Recorder, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be, and the same are hereby tendered to W. K. Muir, Esq., Superintendent of the Detroit & Milwaukee railroad, in courteously passing delegates on said road at half fare.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

GEO. W. WILSON,
Grand Recorder.

Luman R. Atwater,

GRAND COMMANDER.

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OF THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1864.

The Grand Commandery met in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, June 7, A. D. 1864, A. O. 746, at 7 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir L. R. ATWATER, R. E. Grand Commander.
D. B. TRACEY, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
BENJAMIN PORTER, E. Grand Generalissimo.
GEO. A. FITCH, E. Grand Captain General.
D. B. LYON, E. Grand Prelate.
T. A. FLOWER, E. Grand Senior Warden.
SEAMAN L. DART, E. Grand Junior Warden.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
O. BOURKE, *as* E. Grand Recorder.
G. B. NOBLE, *as* E. Grand Standard Bearer.
RICHARD ROWE, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
G. B. NOBLE, E. Grand Warder.
C. D. HOWARD, E. Grand Captain of Guard.

The Grand Commandery was opened in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM.

The R E. Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights King, Mitchell and Taylor, a committee to examine credentials, who reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Sir Knights entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery:

Grand Officers, and all Past Grand Commanders, Past Dep. Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos and Past Grand Captain Generals, who are in active membership with subordinate Commanderies.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

H. R. Johnston, proxy for E. C.
O. Bourke, G.
J. M. Arnold, C. G.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

T. A. Flower, E. C.
A. C. Baldwin, G.
A. B. Cudworth, C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

Franklin French, Rep. of Commandery.

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, No. 4—

W. F. King, Rep. of Commandery.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

E. D. Benedict, E. C. and proxy for C. G.
C. J. Kruger, G.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Not Represented.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

John Clark, E. C.
R. Wadham, G.
O. D. Conger, C. G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

G. A. Fitch, E. C.
E. Sprague, G.
Chas. H. Brown, C. G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

J. L. Mitchell, proxy for E. C.
Jas. A. Dyer, G.
B. I. Miller, C. G.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

D. Bovee, Rep. of Commandery.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

P. H. Taylor, Rep. of Commandery.

NILES COMMANDERY, No. 12—

R. W. Landon, E. C.

T. G. Beaver, proxy for G.

A. J. Eldred, proxy for C. G.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

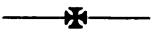
W. F. KING,
P. H. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Which report, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

Sir Knight Benedict offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Sir Knights in good standing residing or sojourning in Detroit be invited to take seats during the session of this Grand Commandery.

The M. E. called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.



WEDNESDAY, June 8, 1864—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Commandery was called to labor by the R. E. Grand Commander, who announced the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

E. D. Benedict, S. L. Dart, J. A. Dyer.

ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS—

John Clark, R. P. Eldredge, F. French.

ON FINANCE—

G. A. Fitch, J. L. Mitchell, S. L. Dart.

(To which committee Sir Knight R. W. Landon was, on motion, added.)

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

P. H. Taylor, C. J. Kruger, R. Rowe.

ON GRIEVANCES—

G. B. Noble, W. B. Dean, —— Palmer.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

Benjamin Porter, J. Clark, W. T. Mitchell.

ON RETURNS—

G. B. Noble, W. F. King, D. Bovee.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

John Clark, O. Bourke.

The R. E. Grand Commander then read his annual address, which was as follows:

Sir Knights: Like the ever-flowing and noble river just in sight, which separates the Abrahamic from the Victorean dominions, the river of time has flown through another annual cycle of our existence, and separated the past from the future of our eternity; and our work, thus far completed, has been laid away until the trumpet, the blast of which shall be louder than the one sounded upon the walls and watch-towers of the Grand Council, shall summon us all to appear for general inspection and review. It is fitting, Sir Knights, on occasions like the present, as we retrospect the past, and reflect that some who, but one short year since, were with us in our Grand Council, have been called away by order of the Grand Master above, that we should assemble around our common altar, and gratefully acknowledge that merciful providence that has spared our lives, and permitted so many of us once more to meet with friendly greeting; and let us earnestly and prayerfully do our duty in the future, *ever* relying upon that great atonement made by the Savior of the World, and remembering that it is only the soldier of the Cross that offers his devotions at the shrine of his departed Lord, and reflects through his life the image of his divine Redeemer, that will be admitted to the inner Chamber, and participate in the joys of the upper sanctuary.

While the outer world is all commotion and strife, and our nation, for the past three years and over, has been engaged in deadly strife and carnage, such as history has not recorded, it is a matter of great inward satisfaction to us that, among the different Commanderies that we to-day unitedly represent, the utmost peace and harmony prevails; and while the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, our motto being "*In Hoc Signo Vinces*," let us rest assured that we shall triumph. During the entire year, your Commander has not heard of an instance of the least friction within our jurisdiction, or been called upon to perform any official duty within the State, save the granting of one dispensation.

While we are thus moving along in peace and harmony, let us be on

our watch, guarding well our portals that no impostors be admitted. It has been well said that the little foxes spoil the vines. I am not apprised of the number that have been Knighted in the several subordinates within the State the past year, but so far as my knowledge extends, we have done a vast amount of work. Let us charitably hope that our labors have not been expended upon any but those who have exhibited suitable specimens of their skill; and let it be our aim to transmit to our posterity the Order as pure as we received it from the hands of our fathers.

This Grand Commandery was formed in April, 1857, and its first officers installed in January, 1858, with six subordinates; it already numbers eleven subordinates.

At our last communication, committees were appointed, one on the necessary orders and movements for opening a Council and Commandery, and another to make an examination of the work for subordinates. It is to be hoped that these committees are prepared to report, that these matters may have a final settlement. Let us be cautious, Sir Knights, and walk in the old paths.

One other committee was also ordered, which it is hoped will be prepared to report their doings.

The General Grand Encampment, at its last session, adopted a separate ritual for the Order of Malta, which is obligatory upon all subordinates. I trust, as true and loyal Sir Knights, we have respected the Order. It also adopted a uniform more appropriate than the one adopted in Chicago, in 1859. Let me urge upon the several Sir Knights within our jurisdiction, the propriety of equipping themselves according to the rules of the Order.

In April last, I received a petition, signed by eleven Sir Knights, some of whom were personally known to me to be loyal, true and brave, for a dispensation to open a Commandery in the city of Niles; and although I had held the opinion that there were as many subordinates in the State already as was for the good of the Order, yet, when I reflected upon the great inconveniences that our worthy Sir Knights in that city would be subjected to, in order to participate in the services of the Asylum, and seeing the solicitude manifested on their part, they also having received the commendation of Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, I felt that it would be doing them great injustice not to grant their request. Accordingly, having first received the fee, on the 29th day of April, I issued a dispensation to Sir Knight Rufus W. Landon,

as first E. C., Sir Knight Joshua Fether, as first G., and Sir Knight George Kimmel, as first C. G., and their associates, to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templars, and its appendant Order, in the city of Niles, under the name and style of Niles Commandery, No. 12. I have no doubt they will present their dispensation, with such a record of their doings, to this Grand Body, as to meet with your hearty endorsement. Such being the case, I would most cheerfully recommend that a charter be granted them.

I find that a different practice prevails in different Commanderies, in the manner of balloting, while, in some, but one ballot is had for all the orders—in others, the candidate is balloted for for the several orders separately. My opinion is, that one ballot for all the orders is all that is necessary. I deem it injustice to receive a man to our embrace, and not allow him to enter our Asylum.

In the solemn rites of our Order, we are often reminded that we were born to die, and since our last general Conclave, an alarm has been sounded at the door of some of our Asylums, and none of us presumed to say, who dare approach. Our doors have solemnly and silently been made to open wide to the champion who entered with unsheathed sabre, and bathed it in the blood of valiant and magnanimous Knights.

Past Commander J. W. Sligh, of De Molay Commandery, No. 5, heard the call of his country for help, and with him to know duty was to obey. In September, 1861, he was commissioned as captain in the First Regiment of Mechanics and Engineers, under the leadership of Past Grand Commander, Col. W. P. Innes, and his sword, which was endowed with fortitude undaunted, and justice impartial, was drawn in the cause of truth, justice and liberty. But he fell.

This is the third time that De Molay Commandery has been called upon to offer a sacrifice on the altar of her country. The names of Capt. B. B. Church, who fell while leading his brave command to the charge on James Island, and the intrepid Capt. S. A. Judd, who also fell in a most daring charge at Fair Oaks, together with Capt. J. W. Sligh, will be held in lasting remembrance by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. Sir Knights, *these* are those whose brows we would bind with chaplets of immortal green.

And now, Sir Knights, as I am about to leave this post of honor in which your fraternal hands have placed me, I cannot do justice to my own feelings without thanking you from a warm and, I trust, a gener-

ous heart for the yearly favors you have shown me ever since the organization of this Grand Body.

It will be a satisfaction to me to know that my action meets with your approval; and yet my confidence in your integrity assures me that you will faithfully correct whatever you may find amiss. Let me impress on your minds, Sir Knights, the importance of having that truth in the inward parts that shall forever flourish in immortal green; while in all the preceding degrees, we are taught the necessity of a belief in the deity, in Templar Masonry we are taught that a firm reliance on the truths contained in the Holy Scriptures will afford us consolation in the gloomy hour of death, and faith in the atonement of Christ upon the Cross, is the only means to insure us eternal happiness beyond the grave.

When I reflect that the next meeting of some of us will be before that throne, the color of which denotes purity, I am forcibly reminded of the language of our great prototype, "Blessed are the pure in heart."

Although the question may be very familiar to us, it will soon be asked for the last time, is he worthy and well qualified? then naked truth will make the answer.

The address was, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Sir Knights Taylor, Beaver and King, to apportion, except that portion of it relating to charters and dispensations, which was referred to the standing committee on those subjects.

On motion, the election of officers was made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which, on motion, was accepted, and ordered to be taken up in sections for disposition.

To the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would report the following:

1. That the resolution offered by Sir Knight Atwater at the last session of this Grand Body, changing the hour of meeting from 6 to 7 o'clock P. M., be adopted.

2. That the resolution offered by Sir Knight Godfrey at the last session, changing the time of meeting from June to September, be taken up for definite action.

3. That we do not deem it necessary to adopt the resolution making the dues of subordinates for each of its members the sum of one dollar per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. H. TAYLOR,
C. J. KRUGER,
R. ROWE,
Committee.

On motion, Sec. 1 was adopted.

Sec. 2 was lost.

On motion, the subject matter of Sec 3 was laid over for another year.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the dispensation for opening and forming a Commandery of Knights Templar at Niles, would respectfully report that we have had the same under consideration, and having found the records of their work to conform to the usage and regulations of the Order, we do therefore recommend that a charter be granted to the Sir Knights named in said dispensation. Said Commandery to be known as Niles Commandery, No. 12, and that their delegates be admitted as members of this Grand Body.

E. D. BENEDICT,
JAS. A. DYER,
S. L. DART,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The resolution offered by Sir Knight Dart at the last meeting of the Grand Commandery, relative to the salary of Grand Recorder, was taken from the table, and, on motion, Sec. 7 of Art. 2 of the Constitution, fixing the salary at fifty dollars per year, was stricken out.

The financial statement of Grand Recorder Wilson, relative to his salary, was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

On motion of Sir Knight Clark, time was extended until our next meeting for Romeo Commandery to pay up dues without prejudice to their charter, which, in the meantime, shall remain good.

The Grand Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Correspondence, respectfully report that the Grand Recorder being absent in the service of the Government, your committee have no documents or data on which to found a report.

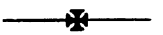
JOHN CLARK,
O. BOURKE,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Work reported as follows:

That we recommend a return to the work formerly practised in this jurisdiction, instead of the work now promulgated.

Which report, on motion, was adopted.



WEDNESDAY, June 8—2 o'clock P. M.

The following Sir Knights were elected as Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Sir Benjamin Porter, Jackson, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir Geo. A. Fitch, Kalamazoo, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir G. B. Noble, Detroit, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir S. L. Dart, Coldwater, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir A. J. Eldred, Niles, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir E. D. Benedict, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir W. F. King, Adrian, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir O. Bourke, Detroit, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir P. H. Taylor, Ionia, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir Richard Rowe, Hillsdale, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir C. J. Kruger, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Warder.
Sir C. D. Howard, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Who were duly installed.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

ASSETS.

For assessment of 1862, due from Pontiac, Hillsdale, Adrian and Romeo Commanderies	$ 111 00
Returns of 1864	345 00
For charter of Niles Commandery	100 00
	$ 556 00

LIABILITIES,

Indebtedness of 1862.

Due Hosmer & Kerr, printing	$ 67 00
Due on warrant to W. P. Innes	15 00
Due on warrant on F. Darrow	18 25
Due Delegates and Grand Officers, session of 1862	95 00
	$ 195 39

Indebtedness of 1863.

Due P. G. C. Clark	$ 27 00
Total past indebtedness	$ 222 39

Indebtedness of 1864.

Due Grand Officers, per diem and mileage	$ 70 40
Due Grand Recorder, postage and salary	25 00
Due Delegates, mileage and per diem	80 02
Due Geo. A. Fitch & Co., printing	10 00
Estimated payment to fiscal agent Detroit Commandery, for hall	5 00
	$190 42
Total indebtedness	$412 81

Your committee would recommend that the item of $95.14 due delegates and Grand Officers for the session of 1862, be stricken from the list of liabilities, on the ground of a willingness on the part of the delegates present of that year to donate the sum so due to the Grand Commandery.

Your committee would further recommend that the sum of $25.00 be paid to the Grand Recorder, for postage account and services for the past current year, in consideration of the fact that your committee learn that the Grand Recorder (for that year) has neglected to enter upon the records the proceedings of the last annual Grand Conclave.

GEO. A. FITCH,
R. W. LANDON,
S. L. DART,
J. L. MITCHELL,
Committee on Finance.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in case any of the subordinate Commanderies shall fail or neglect to make their proper annual returns, for two successive years, to the Grand Commandery, the charter of Commanderies so neglecting, shall be declared extinct, and the Body dissolved.

The Committee on Grand Commander's address reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the unreferred portion of the Grand Commander's address, would respectfully report, that so much of said address as refers to the Malta's Ritual be referred to a special committee of three; and that so much as refers to the subject of balloting be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. H. TAYLOR,
THOS. G. BEAVER,
W. F. KING.
Committee.

Report was accepted and adopted, and Sir Knights Noble, Benedict and Bovee were appointed the special committee above referred to.

The committee appointed to consider respecting the Order of Malta, submitted the following report:

That the Commanderies within this jurisdiction may confer the degree of Malta, either in an Asylum of the Commandery, or in a Council of Malta, as they may choose, but they should administer the obligation of Malta in either case.

G. B. NOBLE,
D. BOVEE,
ED. D. BENEDICT.
Committee.

Which report was accepted, and the same committee were requested to report on the subject matter at next annual Conclave.

The report of the Committee on Work was accepted and adopted, which report was ordered not to be printed.

On motion, five dollars was ordered to be paid Sir Knight Howard, for his services; also, five dollars each year to Monroe Chapter for gas.

On motion, Sir Knight Cornelius Moore, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was unanimously elected an honorary member of this Grand Commandery.

These proceedings were ordered to be printed in circular letter form, not over four pages.

On motion of Sir Knight Benedict, the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby tendered to W. K. Muir, Esq., Superintendent of the Detroit & Milwaukee railroad, for his courtesy in passing delegates to this Grand Body at half fare.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

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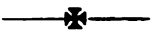


The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan held its regular Annual Conclave in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, Tuesday, June 6, A. D. 1865, A. O. 747, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir BENJAMIN PORTER, JR., R. E. Grand Commander.
GEO. A. FITCH, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
G. B. NOBLE, E. Grand Generalissimo.
S. L. DART, E. Grand Captain General.
A. J. ELDRED, E. Grand Prelate.
E. D. BENEDICT, E. Grand Senior Warden.
W. F. KING, E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
O. BOURKE, E. Grand Recorder.
P. H. TAYLOR, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
RICHARD ROWE, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
C. J. KRUGER, E. Grand Warder.
J. H. GRIFFITH, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers were stationed at their respective posts, and the Grand Commandery opened in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights Atwater, Bovee and Armstrong a committee to examine credentials of delegates to this convention, who reported as follows:

The Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Sir Knights entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery:

Grand Officers, and all Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos and Past Grand Captain Generals.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

Thos. Armstrong, E. C.

H. R. Johnston, proxy for G.

J. Saunders, C. G.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

R. W. Davis, proxy for E. C.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

J. H. Armstrong, E. C.

W. S. Edwards, proxy for G.

H. F. Kellogg, proxy for C. G.

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, No. 4—

L. R. Wallace, E. C.

Delos Drew, C. G.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

L. R. Atwater, proxy for E. C. and C. G.

C. J. Kruger, proxy for G.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Not represented.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

John Clark, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

E. Sprague, proxy for E. C.

L. C. Starkey, G.

M. D. Cobb, proxy for C. G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

J. L. Mitchell, proxy for E. C.

J. A. Dyer, G.

J. L. Mitchell, C. G.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

F. T. Eddy, proxy for E. C.

D. Bovee, proxy for G. and C. G.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

W. B. Thomas, proxy for E. C.

NILES COMMANDERY, No. 12—

Not represented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. R. ATWATER,
D. BOVEE,
J. H. ARMSTRONG.

The report was accepted, and laid on the table for further action by this Grand Body.

The Grand Commandery, on motion, was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—9 o'clock.

The Grand Body was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Knight L. R. Atwater offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That all true and courteous Sir Knights be invited to seats in this Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

Mitchell, Edwards and Starkey.

ON FINANCE—

T. H. Armstrong, E. Sprague and W. B. Thomas.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

F. Darrow, T. H. Armstrong and D. B. Nichols.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

John Clark, H. K. Johnson and P. H. Taylor.

ON RETURNS—

Benedict, Bovee and W. F. King.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Grand Recorder and John Clark.

The R. E. Grand Commander then read his annual address as follows:

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

Once more we meet around our Knightly Altars to renew our vows and listen to the report of those who have borne the banners, and wielded the sword in defense of the innocent and distressed in the conflict of this world.

During the year just closed, domestic prosperity has prevailed within our borders and without. That war, which, for four long years, has carried desolation and estrangement through the nation, lessening or destroying that courtesy which should be held between all Sir Knights, has ceased, and the benign reign of peace and friendly intercourse is being ushered in, giving greater scope for acts of charity and pure beneficence. For this, let us thank the mercy of the giver of all good.

During the year, I have instituted the Commandery at Niles, chartered at your last Conclave, and have started them in their work. This Commandery has a large field in which to exercise their Knightly deeds, and will, I have no doubt, present to you a good record of their work.

On proper application and recommendation, I have issued dispensations for a Commandery at Ann Arbor, on the 9th of March, and at Fentonville and Flint on the 10th day of April. These Commanderies will apply to you for charters, which I would recommend be granted.

At your last Conclave, the work and drill, as reported by Sir Knight Noble, was adopted as authority in this jurisdiction, and the drill was ordered printed, and distributed to the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction. This has not been done for the reason that the drill of Sir Knight Welch, of New York, being nearly identical with that reported by Sir Knight Noble, and that having been published and widely distributed in this State, rendered the expense of printing a separate one unnecessary. Most, if not all, of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction are using the drill of Sir Knight Welch.

I would call your attention to the printing of our proceedings, which have been omitted, in form for binding, for three or four years past. Our Knightly Order has grown to dimensions that our proceedings should be published, and disseminated among its members through the jurisdiction.

The Grand Commandery of the United States will meet at Columbus

this year. Questions of importance will be up for action, and it is proper that we be represented there, and that provision be made for such representation.

No questions of importance having arisen during the year, requiring action on my part in the subordinate Commanderies. The work is prospering, and bids fair to grow better as the principles of our Christian Order come more widely known.

Thanking you for the courtesies extended by all with whom I have come in official contact, let us proceed with the business of the Conclave.

On motion of Sir Knight Dart, the following were appointed a committee of three to apportion the R. E. Grand Commander's address: Sir Knights Dart, Atwater and Sprague.

On motion of Sir Knight Edwards, the election of officers was made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Sir Knight T. H. Armstrong, it was—

Resolved, That hereafter all Past E. Grand Commanders be paid the same per diem and mileage as other representatives to this Grand Commandery.

The special committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, reported as follows:

The Committee on Grand Commander's address recommend that so much of the E. Commander's address as relates to dispensations and charters be referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

That portion which relates to drill they recommend be referred to a special committee. Also, that on printing proceedings be referred to the same committee.

That portion referring to representatives to the Grand Commandery of the United States, they recommend be referred to a special committee to be appointed for that purpose.

S. L. DART, *Chairman*,
L. R. ATWATER,
JAMES SAUNDERS.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight John Clark offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter all motions from the chair be decided by yeas and nays. instead of the usual mode adopted by Knights Templar. Also, that this Grand Commandery recommend to all subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction the adoption of a similar rule, for the sake of convenience and uniformity.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

ON DRILL—

E. Sprague, S. L. Dart, G. B. Noble.

ON REPRESENTATIVES—

G. C. John Clark, T. H. Armstrong, F. Darrow.

Sir Knight John Clark offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table, pending the report of the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure jewels for Past R. E. Grand Commanders, including Sir Knight Atwater.

On motion, the sum of ten dollars was ordered paid Sir Knight Griffith for tiling, and five dollars to Monroe Chapter for use of hall during the present session of this Grand Body.

The Committee on Returns presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, correct.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, correct.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3, correct.
Adrian Commandery, No. 4, correct.
De Molay Commandery, No. 5, correct.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6, no returns.
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, correct.
Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, $4 short.
Jackson Commandery, No. 9, $14 overpaid.
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, correct.
Ionia Commandery, No. 11, $1 short.
Niles Commandery, No. 12, no returns.

E. D. BENEDICT,
D. BOVEE,
W. F. KING,
Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight Darrow, it was—

Resolved, That the charter of Romeo Commandery, No. 6 (which was forfeited for making no returns), be valid and in force until the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, in June, 1866.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, the third section of the report of Committee on Unfinished Business last year, relative to changing the dues of members of subordinate Commanderies to one dollar per annum, was taken up for action, when, upon motion, the recommendation of the committee against such change was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Commander's address relating to drill, etc., reported as follows:

That at present it is unnecessary to alter the drill now practiced throughout this jurisdiction.

Also, that the Grand Recorder compile and have printed in one work the proceedings of the Grand Commandery for the last three years, and distribute the usual number.

E. SPRAGUE,
S. L. DART,
G. B. NOBLE,
Committee.

The Committee on Representatives to the Grand Commandery of the United States, report:

That Grand Officers wishing to attend may do so at their own expense, but not at the expense of this Grand Body.

Also, that a copy of the proceedings be forwarded to the Grand Recorder at Columbus.

Sir Knights Noble and Bourke were appointed a committee to inquire into the case of Mr. Hewitt.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

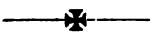
The Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report the following:

Your committee to whom was referred the dispensations for opening and forming Commanderies of Knights Templar, respectively, for Ann Arbor, Fentonville and Flint, would report that we have had the same under consideration, and having found the records of their work to conform with the usages and regulations of this Order and its by-laws, we do, therefore, recommend that charters be granted to the Sir Knights named respectively in said dispensations said Com-

manderies to be known and designated as follows: Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13; Fenton Commandery, No. 14, and Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15; and their delegates be admitted as members of this Grand Body.

J. L. MITCHELL,
WM. S. EDWARDS,
L. C. STARKEY,
Committee.

The Grand Commandery was then called from labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the election of officers being the special order at that hour.



WEDNESDAY, June 7—3 o'clock P. M.

The R. E. Grand Commander called the Grand Commandery to order, when they proceeded to election of officers with the following result:

Sir G. B. Noble, Detroit, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir S. L. Dart, Coldwater, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
Sir E. D. Benedict, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir W. F. King, Adrian, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir J. H. Armstrong, Hillsdale, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir C. J. Kruger, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir J. R. Mitchell, Jackson, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir W. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir O. Bourke, Detroit, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir D. Bovee, Coldwater, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir J. B. Hamilton, Flint, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir J. Saunders, Detroit, E. Grand Warder.
Sir W. V. Griffith, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers were then installed by the R. E. P. Grand Commander.

The following resolution, offered by Sir Knight L. R. Atwater, was adopted:

Resolved, That the amount of $50.00 be paid to Sir Wm. Barclay, in consideration of his having advanced that sum to P. G. Recorder, Sir G. W. Wilson.

Sir Knight B. Porter offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

That Art. 1, Sec. 4, on third line, be amended by striking out "June," and inserting "the Friday succeeding the second Wednesday of January in each year."

Motion was accepted, and laid over one year under the rules.

The motion offered by Sir John Clark, in relation to jewels, was reconsidered, and the following adopted as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That the sum of $25 be appropriated for the purchase of a suitable jewel, sword, silver ice pitcher, or pair of goblets, to be presented to each of those Past Grand Commanders who have not received jewels, provided there may be any funds not otherwise appropriated for that purpose.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Officers and delegates to this Grand Body receive, for this session, $3 per diem, and mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile, one way.

The sum of $25 was voted to the Grand Recorder for postage and stationery.

On motion,

Resolved, That the unanimous thanks of this Grand Body are hereby tendered to W. K. Muir, Esq., superintendent of the D. & M. railroad, for his kindness in passing delegates at half fare.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report:

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that for the current year they have received reports of proceedings from the following named Grand Commanderies, to-wit: New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Maine, Kentucky, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Missouri, Ohio and Louisiana.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We received proceedings of 1863 and 1864, embodied in one neat pamphlet. The Annual Conclave for the latter year was held in Concord, June 9, 1864, R. E. Sir Albert R. Hatch presiding, whose address abounds in pure, wholesome and practical tenets. Our space will only permit brief extracts. He thus writes:

"Let us remember, gentlemen, that it is incumbent on us to preserve

in their fullest exercise and purity the high honors and privileges intrusted to us. They are not unmeaning forms, nor matters of pleasant recreation merely, but real duties, affecting deeply our lives, character and happiness. Let us earnestly cultivate the spirit which animated the old defenders of Christendom and the holy places, dear to us as the birthplace of our religion, and consecrated by the manifestation of its Divine Author, without fear that, at the present day, we can be led too far by enthusiasm. The danger is all the other way; the great enemy we have to encounter lies intrenched behind the cold, calculating and selfish spirit of the age in which we live. We shall be nobler and better men as we rise above it, and follow earnestly and heartily the teachings of our Order, and the glorious example of our Redeemer."

Sir John S. Kidder, of Manchester, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, E. Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

This Grand Commandery held its Annual Session at Portland, on 3d May, 1864. R. E. Abner B. Thompson, Grand Commander, presented his address, which consists principally of a lucid *resume* of the affairs of the jurisdiction. We present a brief extract of general interest:

"Civil war in our country still continues. Knightly intercourse between Templars of the North and the South, as organized bodies, has ceased; but individual instances of kind offices on battlefield and in prison, teach us that the true soldier of the Cross can never forget his obligation to his vows of fraternity. These acts of brotherly kindness should inspire us with renewed reverence for the holy principles of Masonry. Let us also reflect that, while strife rages, and civil commotion in our once happy land seems to imperil our social and political institutions, we have duties upon us peculiar to our Masonic obligations, from which we cannot escape, nor ought we to attempt it. In whatever condition we may be placed, or however surrounded by suffering or threatened with evil; should friends betray or foes assail us; should passion, ignorance, prejudice or fanaticism rule the hour; let us, as pilgrim warriors, endeavor so to discharge our whole duty to society, our country and our God, as to obtain the approbation of conscience and the smiles of heaven."

R. E. Timothy J. Murray, of Portland, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Ira Berry, of Portland, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Commandery convened at Covington, June 9, 1864, but in consequence of the railroads being torn up and destroyed, there was no quorum present, and they adjourned *sine die*.

A called Conclave of the same Commandery was held in Louisville, on the 19th October, 1864. R. E. Sir Peter H. Jeffris, D. D., Grand Commander. His address displays marked evidence of a highly cultivated mind, filled with true Masonic principles. We annex extracts. The Grand Recorder, Sir W. C. Wenger, issues an able Report on Correspondence, among which we regret that our proceedings are not noticed:

"We again meet to mingle our thoughts together, and listen to the reports of our far-off brethren. While so doing, let us bear it in mind that it is to the never-failing mercy of a bountiful God that we owe it—that we are dependent creatures, and that all we have, or hope to have, comes from the same unfailing source. As Sir Knights of the Cross, and under the command of Prince Emanuel, how well it becomes us to remember the high honors that await the faithful. True to our profession, single in heart and aim, valiant in deeds and charity, obedient to our Commander, and keeping watchful guardianship over ourselves, the Knights Templar is surrounded by a fortification strong and safe. If violence should attack and enemies assail, we have the 'Rock of Ages' wherein to trust, and 'munition' of Rocks wherein to abide. As Sir Knights of the Cross, we ought ever to bear in mind the great sacrifice offered on Mount Moriah to cancel the sins of the world, and endeavor to be led and guided by Him who is the great leader of the 'Hosts of Israel.' I need not say or urge any more, fully hoping that every Sir Knight Templar realizes the high vocation he is called upon to fulfill, not only through his years of warfare and trial, but also through those of hope and joy.

"To espouse the cause of her who is deprived of her earthly support—to care for the bereaved ones, to watch over the great standard of moral truth, and to be humble, yet courageous, requires faithfulness no the part of every Sir Knight. There is much to be done. In these days of devastation many objects present themselves to our charity; let us alleviate their sorrow, and aid, as much as in our power lies, the miseries of the present calamities. Magnanimity must be shown in deeds of valor, and it is indeed valorous to stem the tide of infidelity which

sweeps over a great part of God's fair creation at the present day. Be up then, Sir Knights, and do your duty."

CONNECTICUT.

M. E. Sir William L. Brown, Grand Master of this State, presided at its Annual Conclave, in New Haven, on the 12th May, 1864.

The address of the R. E. is very brief, and principally refers to local matters; the high state of prosperity pervading the jurisdiction is very pleasing to all Sir Knights everywhere. Sir William R. Higby was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir E. G. Stone, of New Haven, Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

IOWA.

The proceedings of our sister of the west, including its organization and first Annual Conclave, has been received in very neat form. The first officers elect of the Grand Commandery include the names of R. E. Sir Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Commander, and E. Sir W. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder.

We cordially welcome this new accession to our ranks, and bespeak for them many years of prosperity.

MISSOURI.

The Fourth Annual Conclave of this Commandery convened at St. Louis on the 16th May, 1864. R. E. Sir George W. Bell, Grand Commander, and E. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Recorder. The address of the R. E. is a good practical analysis of his jurisdiction, and the spirit which pervades it is highly creditable to his head and heart.

Sir Knight O'Sullivan, Grand Recorder, presented an able Report on Correspondence. We, however, do not find Michigan among the number, although our letter sheet was duly forwarded to his last address, as published. R. E. Sir Geo. W. Bell was re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir E. A. O'Sullivan, of St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

This Grand Encampment convened in Providence, R. I., on the 5th May, 1864. M. E. Sir William Sewall Gardener, Grand Master, and Sir William Wales Whitmarsh as Grand Recorder. The address of the Grand Master is a paper of great length and signal ability, treating of

various subjects, particularly interesting, all of which bear in their discussion the impress of a master mind. We dare not attempt to cull extracts, which would be only removing links from a discourse every part of which is closely interwoven, and without their context would be scarcely intelligible. This jurisdiction appears to enjoy a high degree of prosperity.

The Annual Conclave of the same Grand Body was held in Boston, 28th October, 1864, and was presided over by the same able Commander, who was re-elected Grand Master for the ensuing year, and E. Sir Solon Thornton, of Boston, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA.

We acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of this Grand Body. At its organization in New Orleans, 12th and 17th February, and 5th March, 1864, Sir Henry Rufus Swarey was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master. We wish the new Commandery and co-laborer in our noble work the highest career of prosperity.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Commandery of this State assembled in Carlisle, on 13th June, 1864. R. E. Sir H. Stanley Goodwin, Grand Commander, and E. Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder. The address of the Grand Commander abounds in good and fraternal counsel. We append one brief extract:

"The Order of Knights Templar has seen and survived the rise and fall of many nations, and the birth and death of many generations of men; fixed upon the Rock of Ages, and firmly grounded upon the eternal principles of the religion of Christ, it has come down to us through many centuries of time, pure and unspotted from the world. Let it be our most earnest care and diligent endeavor to transmit it to our successors, and to generations yet unborn, with its doctrines and practices of patience and perseverance, of constancy and courage, of faith and humility, and all the manly and Christian virtues here so beautifully taught and exemplified, unvarnished and unsullied."

The Committee on Correspondence take occasion to cauterize our own Grand Commandery because while low in funds they did not *increase* their embarrassment by incurring more liability In reply we would remark that Michigan Masons, although, to *Eastern visions*, "in the woods," and almost beyond the pale of civilization, nevertheless are not ambitious of the bad reputation of contracting debts without having the

wherewithal to pay. The reason of their low finances would not be interesting to our Pennsylvania *fratres*, and we respectfully decline to explain, hoping that in future we may do better, and humbly aspire to the standard of perfection, which we trust is not only financially but *fraternally* attained by our worthy friends of Pennsylvania.

R. E. Sir H. Stanley Goodwin was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

Your committee, in presenting this imperfect compilation, are rejoiced in welcoming so many esteemed correspondents. Those who are absent, owing to the dire calamity which spread a pall for the last four years over our beloved country, will, we earnestly hope, soon reappear in increased lustre, and aid in forwarding the glorious work of promoting "Peace on earth, good will towards men" With our eye constantly fixed on the Cross of Calvary, let us gallantly press on to attain the highest aim of all true Sir Knights' ambition, and having accomplished our mission here below, prepare for that rest prepared by the Great Captain of our Salvation, for all His faithful soldiers. Let us cultivate assiduously the noble tenets of our profession, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and with the martyred followers of Christ, when our dissolution draws nigh, be enabled to exclaim: "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

Respectfully submitted.

O. BOURKE,
JNO. CLARK,
Committee.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

[Grand Commandery of Michigan, in account with O. Bourke, Grand Recorder.]

RECEIPTS.

No. 1—Detroit Commandery	$ 61 00
No. 2—Pontiac Commandery	15 00
No. 3—Eureka Commandery	44 00
No. 4—Adrian Commandery	21 00
No. 5—De Molay Commandery	38 00
No. 6—Romeo Commandery (no returns)	
No. 7—St. Clair Commandery	35 00
No. 8—Peninsular Commandery	59 50
No. 8—Same	15 50

No. 9—Jackson Commandery	$39 00
No. 10—Jacobs Commandery	40 00
No. 11—Ionia Commandery	16 00
Niles Commandery (for Charter)	100 00
Ann Arbor Commandery (for Dispensation)	100 00
Fentonville Commandery (for Dispensation)	100 00
Flint Commandery (for Dispensation)	100 00
	$784 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pay roll	$161 58	
Warrants (old claims)	94 00	
1864—Printing proceedings	16 60	
Check to Grand Treasurer	491 82	
1863—George A. Fitch, printing	10 00	
Monroe Chapter, gas bills	10 00	
		$784 00

Respectfully submitted.

O. BOURKE,

Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

[Grand Commandery of Michigan, in acc't with Wm. Barclay, Grand Treasurer.]

Balance due me last report	$ 20 66	
Received from Grand Recorder	491 82	
Balance on hand		$471 16

WM. BARCLAY,

Grand Treasurer.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Recorder and Treasurer, have examined the same, and find them correct.

T. H. ARMSTRONG,
E. SPRAGUE,
WM. B. THOMAS.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight Atwater offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Commanderies who have received charters at this Conclave, be allowed to hold a meeting for election of officers on their first regular meeting after this session of the Grand Body.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

O. BOURKE,

Grand Recorder.

PAY ROLL

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN, AT ITS ANNUAL CONCLAVE, IN 1864.

GRAND OFFICERS.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.	RESIDENCE.	AM'T.
R. E. Grand Commander	L. R. Atwater	Grand Rapids	$ 13 00
V. E. Dep. Grand Commander	Absent		
E. Grand Generalissimo	B. Porter	Jackson	8 68
E. Grand Captain General	George H. Fitch	Kalamazoo	11 32
E. Grand Prelate	Absent		
E. Grand Senior Warden	Absent		
E. Grand Junior Warden	S. L. Dart	Coldwater	11 80
E. Grand Treasurer	W. Barclay	Detroit	4 00
E Grand Recorder	Not fixed		
E. Grand Standard Bearer	D. B. Nichols	Detroit	4 00
E. Grand Sword Bearer	Richard Rowe	Hillsdale	10 09
E. Grand Warder	G. B. Noble	Detroit	4 00
E. Grand Captain of Guard	C. D. Howard	(Ordered)	5 00
COMMANDERIES.	**BY WHOM RECEIVED.**	**WHERE HELD.**	**AM'T.**
Detroit, No. 1	H. R. Johnson	Detroit	4 00
Pontiac, No. 2	Rep. not present		
Eureka, No. 3	F. French	Hillsdale	10 66
Adrian, No. 4	W. F. King	Adrian	8 40
De Molay, No. 5	E. D. Benedict	Grand Rapids	13 00
Peninsular, No. 8	Charles H. Brown	Kalamazoo	11 32
Jackson, No. 9	J. L Mitchell	Jackson	8 68
Jacobs, No. 10	D. Bovee	Coldwater	11 80
Ionia, No. 11	P. H. Taylor	Ionia	11 56
St. Clair, No. 7	John Clark	St. Clair	8 50
Total			$161 58

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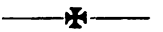
OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1866.



The Regular Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, convened in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, June 5, A. D. 1866, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir G. B. NOBLE, R. E. Grand Commander.
S. L. DART, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander.
E. D. BENEDICT, E. Grand Generalissimo.
W. F. KING, E. Grand Captain General.
J. H. ARMSTRONG, E. Grand Prelate.
C. J. KRUGER, E. Grand Senior Warden.
J. R. MITCHELL, E. Grand Junior Warden.
W. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
O. BOURKE, E. Grand Recorder.
D. BOVEE, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
J. B. HAMILTON, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. SAUNDERS, E. Grand Warder.
W. V. GRIFFITH, E. Grand Captain of Guard.

The Grand Commandery was opened in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed Sir Knights Atwater, T. H. Armstrong and J. P. Fiske, a Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—9 o'clock.

The Grand Body was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows.

The Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Sir Knights entitled to seats in this Grand Commandery:

GRAND OFFICERS—

G. B. Noble, R. E. G. C.

S. L. Dart, V. E. D. G. C.

E. D. Benedict, E. G. G.

W. F. King, E. G. C. G.

J. H. Armstrong, E. G. P.

C. J. Kruger, E. G. S. W.

J. R. Mitchell, E. G. J. W.

Wm. Barclay, E. G. T.

O. Bourke, E. G. R.

D. Bovee, E. G. S. B.

J. Saunders, E. G. W.

W. V. Griffith, E. G. C. G.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS—

John Clark,

Frank Darrow,

L. R. Atwater,

B. Porter.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS—

PAST GRAND GENERALISSIMOS AND CAPTAIN GENERALS

Who are in active membership with subordinate Commanderies.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

T. H. Armstrong, E. C.

John A. Barnes, G.

John P. Fiske, C. G.

D. B. Nichols, Last Past E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

T. A. Flower, E. C.

John P. Foster, G.

A. B. Cudworth, C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

Wm. S. Edwards, proxy for E. C.

J. T. Hayden, G.

D. W. C. Peck, proxy for C. G.

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, No. 4—

S. B. Smith, proxy for E. C. and C. G.

Enos Caniff, G.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

George Gray, E. C.

L. R. Atwater, proxy for G. and C. G.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

Not reported.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

John Clark, E. C.

J. S. Crelling, G.

E. W. Harris, C. G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

L. C. Starkey, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

B. Porter, E. C.

B. B. Baker, proxy for G. and C. G.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

F. T. Eddy, proxy for E. C. and C. G.

R. H. Drake, G.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

P. H. Taylor, E. C.

NILES COMMANDERY, No. 12—

Rufus W. Landon, E. C.

Joshua Fisher, G.

Wm. Graves, C. G.

ANN ARBOR COMMANDERY, No. 13—

T. F. Hill, proxy for E. C., G. and C. G.

FENTON COMMANDERY, No. 14—

M. Ayers, G., and proxy for E. C. and C. G.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

L. R. ATWATER,
T. H. ARMSTRONG,
JOHN P. FISKE,
Committee.

Which report was, on motion, accepted.

On motion of Sir T. H. Armstrong, it was

Resolved, That all true and courteous Sir Knights in good standing be admitted to seats in this Grand Commandery.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

Sir Knights Starkey, Edwards and Flower.

ON FINANCE—

Sir Knights Atwater, T. H. Armstrong and Ayers.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

Sir Knights Porter, Darrow and Eddy.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

Sir Knights Clark, Bovee and Fiske.

ON RETURNS—

Sir Knights J. H. Armstrong, Baker and Taylor.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Sir Knights Grand Recorder and Clark.

The R. E. Grand Commander then read his annual address as follows:

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

By the blessings of Divine Providence, we are again permitted to assemble around our Knightly Altar, to deliberate upon the past and legislate for the future.

It is therefore meet and becoming for us, as members of a society which is founded upon the Christian Religion, and which inculcates the practice of the Christian virtues, to return our thanks to the Giver of all good, who has vouchsafed to us this privilege. And let us, around this Sacred Altar, renew our vows as Christian Knights and Masons, and apply ourselves to our labors with an eye single to the welfare of our beloved Order, and the duties here intrusted to us.

During the past year, Death has entered our mystic circle, and taken one whose familiar face will be greatly missed by all who have annually met here in Grand Conclave. E. Sir Charles D. Howard, our Past Grand Captain of the Guards, full of years and honors, has left us for a brighter and better world, his death occurring soon after the close of

the Grand Commandery. As a tribute to his memory, I recommend a page in the proceedings of our Grand Commandery be appropriated to record his decease.

So far as I am aware, peace and harmony prevails throughout our jurisdiction, and I am pleased to inform you that the Orders of Christian Knighthood are flourishing, and that there has been no time during the existence of this Grand Commandery when it was in so prosperous a condition as at the present.

At our last Annual Conclave, charters were granted for three Commanderies, at Ann Arbor, Fenton and Flint. On the 27th of June, I constituted Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, in the city of Flint, and installed its officers. July 7, I constituted Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, in the city of Ann Arbor, and installed its officers; and on the 18th December I constituted Fenton Commandery, No. 14, in the city of Fenton, and installed its officers, assisted in each case by the many Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery, No. 1.

I have received the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies from Massachusetts, Vermont, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Indiana, Connecticut, Tennessee, Maine, Kentucky, Louisiana and Virginia.

I attended the Sixteenth Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States, held in the city of Columbus, Ohio, the 5th September last. Seventeen Grand Commanderies were represented, and five subordinate Commanderies, holding their charters direct from the Grand Encampment, were represented. Sir B. B. French, Most Eminent Grand Master, presiding; E. Sir John Clark, P. G. C.; E. Sir Benjamin Porter, P. G. C. Sir A. B. Cudworth, of Pontiac, Sir E. Sprague, of Battle Creek, and Sir John P. Fiske, of Detroit, were also present. There were amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment proposed for their action at the next Triennial Session, which may be worthy of your future attention. Also, the rule of succession in conferring the orders of Knighthood was restored, as follows:

1. Knight of the Red Cross.
2. Knights Templar and Knight of Malta.

The drill of Sir Orrin Welch, of New York, was approved by the Grand Encampment.

Sir Henry L. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Wis., was elected and installed Most Eminent Grand Master.

In comparing the ritual used in our jurisdiction, I find it, with a few

exceptions and omissions, to be the same as that generally used throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. I therefore recommend a committee be appointed to correct and perfect our ritual, and report during this present session.

Sir Knights, as we proceed with our labors, let us for one moment call our attention to the condition of our Order without our own jurisdiction, especially in the South. The smoldering embers upon the altar of Masonic Knighthood, in many of the jurisdictions, will need our kindly care, to enkindle once more the flame of fraternal love. Let us remember, then, that it becomes us, as members of an Institution founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, to extend to them that glorious attribute of Deity—mercy—that our beloved Institution in the South may arise again in beauty and strength; that we may again become one inseparable fraternity, knowing no North, no South, no East, no West.

On motion, the address was referred to a committee of three to apportion, consisting of Sir Knights Porter, Darrow and C. J. Kruger.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. OF MICHIGAN,

In account with W. BARCLAY, Grand Treasurer.

Balance on hand June, 1865	$471 16
Received from Grand Recorder (as voted)	50 00
Balance on hand	$521 16

W. BARCLAY,

DETROIT, June, 1866. *Grand Treasurer.*

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN,

In account with O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder.

RECEIPTS.

Detroit Commandery, No. 1	$ 49 50
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	34 50
Eureka Commandery, No. 3	49 00
Adrian Commandery, No. 4	22 50
De Molay Commandery, No. 5	26 50
Romeo Commandery, No. 6	(No returns.)

St. Clair Commandery, No. 7	$ 36 00
Peninsular Commandery, No. 8	68 50
Jackson Commandery, No. 9	42 00
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10	27 00
Ionia Commandery, No. 11	36 00
Flint Commandery, No. 12 (U. D., no money)	
Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13	10 00
Fentonville Commandery, No. 14	11 00
	$412 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Pay roll	$320 50	
Van Cleve & Bros., bill	1 97	
Free Press, tickets	2 00	
Free Press, printing proceedings for four years	184 08	
O. Bourke, bill	1 50	
Grand Recorder, postage, etc	25 00	
Wm. Barclay, as voted	50 00	
Monroe Chapter, as voted	5 00	
Free Press, dispensations	2 50	
		$592 55
Due Grand Recorder		$180 05

O. BOURKE,

Grand Recorder.

DETROIT, June, 1866.

The committee to whom was referred the R. E. Grand Commander's address, reported, recommending that so much thereof as relates to the death of Sir Knight Howard, be referred to a special committee.

That so much as relates to the Ritual be referred to a special committee of seven.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN PORTER,
F. DARROW,
C. J. KRUGER,

Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Edwards, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following special committees:

ON DEATH OF SIR KNIGHT C. D. HOWARD—

Sir Knights J. Clark, D. B. Nichols and W. Barclay.

ON RITUAL—

Sir Knights Starkey, Flower, Dart, Bovee, Atwater, Eddy and Fiske.

A petition received from several Sir Knights at East Saginaw, was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The petition of Sir Knight McElcheran, with accompanying papers, was, on motion, referred to Committee on Grievances.

Sir Knights G. B. Noble and Bourke, a special committee appointed at the last regular Conclave of this Grand Commandery to investigate and report on the case of Dr. Hewitt, respectfully report that they find from the records of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, that Dr. Hewitt was expelled from that body, and his name stricken from their rolls, and that while under such sentence he possesses no rights as a Knight Templar in this Grand Commandery.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The time designated for election of officers was, on vote, changed to 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Sir Knight Porter, the subject of changing time of meeting, which was proposed at last Conclave, and laid over under the rules, was taken up, and after some discussion, the whole matter was postponed until the next yearly meeting.

The Finance Committee, to whom the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were referred, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, have examined the same, and find them correct, showing a balance in hands of the Grand Treasurer of $521.16, and a balance due the Grand Recorder of $180.05, and would recommend a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for amount due Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted.

L. R. ATWATER,
T. H. ARMSTRONG,
M. AYRES,
Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight Fiske, it was—

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for $50.00, in favor of R. E. Grand Commander Noble, for his expenses the past year.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported as follows:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report the following:

Your committee to whom was referred the petition for opening and forming a Commandery of Knights Templar at East Saginaw, Michigan, report that they have had the same under consideration, and that no recommendation accompanies said petition. We therefore recommend that it be referred back to the petitioners, with instructions that they shall procure a recommendation from the nearest Commandery to the place where they desire to have their Commandery instituted, and that their By-Laws shall be drawn to conform with the Constitution of this Grand Commandery, in reference to the time of holding their annual meeting for the election of officers.

L. C. STARKEY,
WM. S. EDWARDS,
T. A. FLOWER,
Committee.

The Committee on Returns made their report, which was accepted, as follows:

Your Committee on Returns would most respectfully state that we have examined the several reports submitted to us, and find—

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, correct.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, correct.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3, overpaid $4.
Adrian Commandery, No. 4, 50 cents short.
De Molay Commandery, No. 5, correct.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6, no returns.
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, correct.
Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, $1.50 short.
Jackson Commandery, No. 9, correct.
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, correct.
Ionia Commandery, No. 11, overpaid $1.
Niles Commandery, No. 12, correct.
Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, 50 cents short.
Fentonville Commandery, No. 14, correct.
Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, correct.

J. H. ARMSTRONG,
B. B. BAKER,
P. H. TAYLOR,
Committee.

The committee to whom was committed the revision of the Work reported. The Work, as exemplified, was accepted, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to compile the Work, and place it in the hands of the Grand Recorder, and that the R. E. Grand Commander be requested to promulgate the same to each subordinate Commandery in this jurisdiction.

S. L. DART,
L. C. STARKEY,
BENJ. PORTER,
Committee.

The R. E. appointed Sir Knights Mitchell, Starkey and Porter such committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Work be allowed their expenses while acting in such capacity.

Resolution was adopted.

Sir Knight Atwater offered the following:

Resolved, That Commanderies which have received charters at this session of the Grand Commandery be authorized to hold an election for officers at the regular meeting of their Commandery.

Which was adopted.

Sir Knight Starkey offered the following resolution, which was received and laid over one year, under the provisions of the Constitution:

Resolved, That Art. 1, Sec. 4, third line, be amended by striking out "June" and inserting "the Thursday succeeding the second Monday in January of each year."

On motion of Sir Knight Starkey, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of $8.50 be paid Sir Knight Darrow, in addition to the amount of warrant paid him.

Resolved, That the subject of military salute on entering and retiring be referred to the Committee on Work.

Resolved, That the resolution on page 72 of the proceedings of 1865, relative to purchasing jewels, etc., be and is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That unappropriated funds, in hands of the Grand Treasurer, be invested in U. S. securities.

The Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment until 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 6—3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor, when the special order being the election of officers, they proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

Sir S. L. Dart, Coldwater, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir E. D. Benedict, Grand Rapids, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir W. F. King, Adrian, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir J. H. Armstrong, Hillsdale, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir C. J. Kruger, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir J. L. Mitchell, Jackson, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir D. Bovee, Coldwater, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir O. Bourke, Detroit, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir L. C. Starkey, Kalamazoo, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir P. H. Taylor, Ionia, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir J. Saunders, Detroit, E. Grand Warder.
Sir W. V. Griffith, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The officers elect were then duly installed by the R. E. P. Grand Commander.

On motion of Sir Knight Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That delegates be paid $3.00 per diem, and ten cents mileage on way, for this session of the Grand Commandery.

The Committee on Grievances made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of appeal of Sir Knight A. McElcheran from the decision of the E. C. of Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, K. T., touching his right to membership in the same, have given the matter a careful consideration, and would make the following report:

Your committee find, on investigation, that the appellant was one of the petitioners for a dispensation for a Commandery at Ann Arbor; that a dispensation was granted to the petitioners: that said appellant was appointed one of the

officers of the Commandery, under dispensation, and returned as one of its members. After the charter was issued by this Grand Body at its last session, and the Commandery duly instituted, he was regularly elected and installed as one of its officers.

We find, further, that he was not, by the E. C. of Jackson Commandery, in which he was knighted, considered a member after having signed the petition for the Ann Arbor Commandery, and the prayer of said petitioners having been granted; neither can he be considered as in full membership in Ann Arbor Commandery until he signs their by-laws; but the said Ann Arbor Commandery, having by its returns, its election and installation as an officer, treated him as a member, we believe the Sir Knight properly belongs to that Commandery, and should be permitted to sign their by-laws, and be in full membership in the same. We would therefore present the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That this Grand Body deem Sir Knight A. McElcheran a member of Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, and that he should be permitted to sign the by-laws of said Commandery.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. L. MITCHELL,
S. B. SMITH,
JOS. T. HAYDEN,
Committee.

Which report was accepted, and the resolution appended thereto adopted.

The special committee to whom the subject of the death of Sir Knight C. D. Howard was referred, made the following report:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address as relates to the decease of our worthy brother, Sir Knight C. D. Howard, would respectfully report, that he was born in Vermont, and made a Mason there. That he moved from there and settled in Michigan at an early day, in Pontiac. He was seventy-two years old when he died. Came from there to Detroit about the year 1830, and when the flood of anti-Masonry, in 1828, was at its full height, Sir Knight Howard on no occasion ever denounced the principles, as being a true and upright Mason. In the summer of 1865 he died of mature age, having been a faithful guardian of the outer door of our Sanctuary almost from the first of Knights Templar in the State. We deplore his loss, with the full conviction that he has gone to that Celestial Encampment above, where no discord

can ever arise; where all is eternal bliss and happiness, at the right hand of our blessed Emanuel above. We therefore report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the decease of Sir Knight Howard we have lost a true and courteous Sir Knight of no ordinary standing to this Grand Body, and we would tender our heartfelt sympathies to the widow and relatives of the deceased.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be presented to the widow by the Grand Recorder, under the seal of this Grand Commandery, and that a page in memoriam in our proceedings be inscribed with his name.

JOHN CLARK,
D. B. NICHOLS,
WM. BARCLAY,
Committee.

It was unanimously—

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery are under special obligations to Thos. Bell, Esq., Superintendent of the D. & M. railroad, for his courteous letter, and to the railroad which he ably represents, for their kind consideration in passing our delegates at half fare.

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That ten dollars be paid the Grand Captain of the Guards for his services, and five dollars to Monroe Chapter for gas and fuel supplied. Also, that fifty dollars be paid the Grand Recorder for postage, services, etc.

The Grand Recorder was requested to have the proceedings published as concisely as possible, and distributed as usual.

The Committee on Work recommended that military form of salute be adopted by this Grand Commandery, which was accepted.

On motion of Sir Knight John Clark, the whole subject of Work and Ritual was referred to a committee consisting of the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knights Dart, L. C. Starkey and Benj. Porter, to report at next annual meeting.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was ordered published with the proceedings.

Your Committee on Correspondence would report that proceedings of the following State Grand Commanderies have been received for 1865, viz: Maine, Kentucky, Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Rhode Island, Illinois, Indiana and Tennessee.

Your committee would, under more favorable circumstances, desire to make copious extracts from the proceedings of those several States,

but at present would not be justified in incurring the necessary expense of printing. They cordially and truly rejoice at the evidences of unexampled prosperity pervading the different jurisdictions. The Christian and Masonic spirit pervading every page of their proceedings, evidence that the cement which binds us into one sacred band of friends and brothers has not been affected by strife of contending elements, and the Cross on which we found our faith points to higher and nobler objects and aims at the consummation of all our trust—eternal rest after the warfare of life is over, where strife and discord shall no more be heard, but all the soul shall experience be perfect peace, and love divine shall ennoble every heart, hallelujahs exalted employ every tongue.

MAINE.

This Commandery met in Portland, 2d May, 1865, and elected Sir Timothy J. Murray Grand Commander and Ira Berry Grand Recorder for the ensuing year. Seven Commanderies represented.

CONNECTICUT.

Assembled at Hartford, 11th May, 1865, and elected Frederick J. Calhoun, Grand Commander, and E. G. Storer Grand Recorder. Six Commanderies represented.

VERMONT.

Convened in Burlington, 10th January, 1865, and elected George M. Hall Grand Commander, and John P. Hollenbeck Grand Recorder. Four Commanderies represented.

TENNESSEE.

We received a pamphlet containing proceedings for 1861 and 1865 of this Grand Body. The perusal of some resolutions therein contained, a reflection of the many incidents, and full and melancholy historic page written indelibly on the tablets of our country's record during the interval, conjure up recollections over which we would willingly throw the broad mantle of Masonic charity, and we now cheerfully extend the large right hand of brotherhood, and hail and welcome our chivalric sister.

At the Conclave in October, 1865, Sir Algernon S. Underwood, of Yorkville, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Charles A. Fuller Grand Recorder. Four Commanderies represented.

INDIANA.

Met in Conclave at Indianapolis, on 4th April, 1865, and elected Sir William Hacker Grand Commander, and E. Francis King Grand Recorder. Six subordinates represented.

ILLINOIS.

Met in Conclave on 23d October, 1865, at Chicago, and elected Sir Henry Collins Ramsey Grand Commander, and Sir James Hoge Miles Grand Recorder. Twelve Commanderies represented.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Present their proceedings for year ending with the Annual Conclave held in Boston on 27th October, 1865, when Sir Charles H. Titus was elected Grand Master, and Sir Solon Thornton Grand Recorder. The proceedings of these States are very full, and richly stored with Masonic gems, well worthy of careful perusal. Eighteen subordinates represented.

KENTUCKY.

Met at Louisville, 8th June, 1865, and elected Sir H. H. Culbertson Grand Commander, and William C. Munger Grand Recorder. Four Commanderies represented.

LOUISIANA.

Met in Conclave at New Orleans, March 3, 1865, and elected Sir John Q. A. Fellows Grand Commander, and Sir Joseph P. Hornor Grand Recorder. Three subordinates represented.

Your committee regret that so many Grand Commanderies are without represenation on our list of correspondents. However, with the return of fraternal intercourse between all sections of the Union, we look with confident expectation that very few will be absent when we next report.

We notice with pleasure the great and unexampled increase in the numbers, as well as the excellently superior material brought to the building of our Masonic temple during the year. The addresses of the several Grand Masters and other officers evidence a high order of cul-

ture and Masonic research, and their composition, and the *animus* which pervades them might, with great benefit to the country, be emulated by the many religious and political organizations of the land.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN CLARK,
OLIVER BOURKE,
Committee.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan was closed in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, after prayer by the Eminent Grand Prelate.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

PAY ROLL

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN, AT ITS ANNUAL CONCLAVE, IN 1866.

GRAND OFFICERS.	BY WHOM RECEIVED.	AM'T.
Past Grand Commander	B. Porter	$ 13 60
Past Grand Commander	L. R. Atwater	22 00
Past Grand Commander	F. Darrow	8 70
R. E. Grand Commander	G. B. Noble	6 00
V. E. Dep. Grand Commander	S. L. Dart	19 00
E. Grand Generalissimo	E. D. Benedict	22 00
E. Grand Captain General	W. F. King	13 60
E. Grand Prelate	J. H. Armstrong	17 00
E. Grand Senior Warden	C. J. Kruger	22 00
E. Grand Junior Warden	J. L. Mitchell	13 60
E. Grand Treasurer	W. Barclay	6 00
E Grand Recorder	O. Bourke	50 00
E. Grand Standard Bearer	D. Bovee	19 00
E. Grand Sword Bearer	H. R. Johnson	6 00
E. Grand Warder	J. Saunders	6 00
E. Grand Captain of Guard	W. V. Griffith	10 00
COMMANDERIES.		
Detroit, No. 1	T. H. Armstrong	6 00
Pontiac, No. 2	T. A. Flower	8 60
Eureka, No. 3	W. S. Edwards	17 00
Adrian, No. 4	S. B. Smith	13 30
De Molay, No. 5	George Gray	22 00
St. Clair, No. 7	John Clark	13 50
Peninsular, No. 8	L. C. Starkey	20 30
Jackson, No. 9	B. B. Baker	13 60
Jacobs, No. 10	D. Bovee	19 00
Ionia, No. 11	P. H. Taylor	18 65
Niles, No. 12	P. H. Taylor	.....
Ann Arbor, No. 13	P. H. Taylor	.....
Fenton, No. 14	M. Ayres	11 00
Genesee Valley, No. 15	M. Ayres	.....
Expenses, as voted	G. B. Noble	50 00
Interest, as voted	F. Darrow	8 56
Gas and Coal, as voted	Monroe Chapter, No. 1	5 00
Total		$480 11

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OF THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1867.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan assembled in Annual Conclave, at Masonic Hall, Detroit, on Tuesday, the 4th of June, A. D. 1867, A. O. 749, at 7 o'clock P. M. Present:

SIR S. L. DART, E. Grand Commander.
E. D. BENEDICT, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
W. F. KING, E. Grand Generalissimo.
J. H. ARMSTRONG, E. Grand Captain General.
C. J. KRUGER, E. Grand Prelate.
J. L. MITCHELL, E. Grand Senior Warden.
D. BOVEE, E. Grand Junior Warden.
W. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
O. BOURKE, E. Grand Recorder.
L. C. STARKEY, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
P. H. TAYLOR, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. SAUNDERS, E. Grand Warder.
W. V. GRIFFITH, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Together with several R. E. P. G. Commanders, a large number of visiting Sir Knights, and the representatives from all the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Commandery was opened in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM by the R. E. Grand Commander, and other officers, prayer having been offered by the E. Grand Prelate.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all visiting Sir Knights, in good standing, be admitted and invited to take seats during the present session of the Grand Commandery.

The reading of the minutes of the last Conclave was, on motion, dispensed with, as printed copies thereof are in the hands of the members.

The R. E. Grand Commander then appointed the following Committee on Credentials, viz: Sir Knights Mitchell, Starkey and Palmer.

On motion, the Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, June 5—9 A. M.

The R. E. called the Commandery to order at the appointed hour.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials would report the following Sir Knights as members of the Grand Commandery:

GRAND OFFICERS—

S. L. Dart, R. E. G. C.
E. D. Benedict, V. E. D. G. C.
W. F. King, E. G. C.
J. H. Armstrong, E. G. C. G.
C. J. Kruger, E. G. P.
J. L. Mitchell, E. G. S. W.
D. Bovee, E. G. J. W.
W. Barclay, E. G. T.
O. Bourke, E. G. R.
L. G. Starkey, E. G. S. B.
P. H. Taylor, E. G. Sword B.
J. Saunders. E. G. W.
W. V. Griffith, E. G. C. G.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS—

John Clark,
L. R. Atwater,
B. Porter,
G. B. Noble.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

A. G. Hibbard, E. C.

J. A. Barnes, G.

J. P. Fisk, C. G.

T. H. Armstrong, P. E. C.

D. B. Nichols, P. E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

T. A. Flower, E. C.

J. P. Foster, G.

R. W. Davis, C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

J. T. Hayden, proxy for E. C.

W. S. Edwards, proxy for G.

T. M. Silver, proxy for C. G.

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, No. 4—

S. B. Smith, C. G., and proxy for E. C. and G.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 5—

J. W. Champlin, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

ROMEO COMMANDERY, No. 6—

No returns.

ST. CLAIR COMMANDERY, No. 7—

Wm. Stowe, proxy for E. C.

F. L. Wells, C. G., and proxy for G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

T. C. Brownell, E. C., and proxy for G.

E. Sprague, proxy for C. G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

D. W. Shaw, proxy for E. C. and G.

John Goldsmith, C. G.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

O. C. Graham, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

Levi Taylor, Representative of Commandery.

NILES COMMANDERY, No. 12—

Rufus W. Landon, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

ANN ARBOR COMMANDERY, No. 13—

C. H. Richmond, E. C.

S. M. Webster, G.

L. C. Risden, C. G.

FENTON COMMANDERY, No. 14—

E. M. Stevens, proxy for E. C.

Wm. Colbright, G.

Michael Ayres, C. G.

GENESEE VALLEY, No. 15—

S. C. Randall, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. MITCHELL,
L. G. STARKEY,
A. E. PALMER,
Committee.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

Hayden, Bovee and Champlin.

ON FINANCE—

Atwater, Flower and Nichols.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

Fisk, Edwards and Wells.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

Mitchell, Davis and Stevens.

ON RETURNS—

Taylor, Goldsmith and Smith.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Grand Recorder and John Clark.

The R. E. Grand Commander presented his annual address, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
UNION CITY, June 3, 1867.

Eminent Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

Another year in the history of Christian Knighthood has passed, and finds you again assembled in knightly array to consider the interests of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Sir Knights, it gives me great pleasure to say to you that all is well. Our beloved Order in this State is unfurling its banners in most of the cities and large towns of our peninsula, and within the sacred retreat of our Asylums the great truths of hope in our blessed Immanuel are taught to those companions of the inferior degrees who seek that higher pilgrimage which we should all endeavor to attain.

Some Sir Knights fear that our Order is extending too fast. But can its sublime truths be told too much; can too many hearts be made to melt at the tale of a crucified Saviour? Those who come to us are generally of the best intellect, and never forget their "tour of penance." Then let our banners be displayed in the rays of the morning sun, and call around us the true and faithful of Masonry.

I have granted dispensations the past year for three Commanderies. One in the month of June last, at East Saginaw, to be called St. Bernard. Another in August last, at the city of Marshall, to be called Marshall Commandery; and another in May last, to be located in the village of Sturgis, St. Joseph county, to be called Columbia Commandery. A personal acquaintance with the petitioners of the two last named leads me to expect that they will take high rank in our knightly array These Commanderies will doubtless apply to you for charters at this session.

Through the kindness of the Grand Recorder, I have perused the proceedings of eighteen of our sister Grand Commanderies. Among them, some from our sister Commanderies of the South, who have been separated for a season from us by that scourge of nations, "civil war." From all, both North and South, East and West, comes that fraternal greeting and knightly courtesy with which Freemasonry abounds. Our brother Sir Knights are again assembling around their altars, and we trust that in the future in our beloved country no knightly hand will be called upon to wield the sword, except in defense of the Christian religion.

SEAMAN L. DART,
Grand Commander.

Which, on motion, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Sir Knights Noble, Atwater and Porter, to apportion.

The committee to whom was referred the R. E. Grand Commander's address, presented their report in the shape of a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the portion of the address relating to dispensations and charters be referred to the standing committee on those subjects.

G. B. NOBLE,
L. R. ATWATER,
BENJ. PORTER,
Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight Clark, the election of officers was made the special order for 11 o'clock this forenoon.

The question of changing the time for the Annual Convocation from June to January, which was postponed at the last Annual Convocation, was, on motion of Sir G. B. Noble, taken up, and after some discussion laid on the table until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual reports, as follows:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

		Dr.
Cash on hand to June, 1866		$521 16
Cash received from Grand Recorder		228 54
		$749 70
	Cr.	
Paid draft favor O. Bourke	$180 05	
Cash on hand June 4th, 1867	569 65	$749 70

WM. BARCLAY,
Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN,

In account with O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder.

		Dr.
1866—June 5.	To balance (due Recorder)	$180 05
June 6.	Pay roll, 1866 (page 19, proceedings 1866)	480 71
1867—Feb. 23.	Calvert & Co., repairing seal	1 50
Apr. 6.	Free Press, printing proceedings	89 75
6.	Postage and stationery	10 00
6.	Cash to Grand Treasurer	228 54
		$990 55

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1866—June 6.	By dues (subordinate Commanderies)	$510 50	
11.	By warrant, for balance old account	180 05	
J'ly 28.	Dispensation, East Saginaw	100 00	
Aug 18.	Dispensation, Marshall	100 00	
1867—May 13.	Dispensation, Sturgis	100 00	
			$990 55

RECEIVED FROM SUBORDINATES, JUNE 1866.

Detroit, No. 1	$ 65 00
Pontiac, No. 2	26 50
Eureka, No. 3	58 00
Adrian, No. 4	28 00
De Molay, No. 5	29 50
St. Clair, No. 7	35 00
Peninsular, No. 8	76 00
Jackson, No. 9	64 50
Jacobs, No. 10	36 50
Ionia, No. 11	27 00
Niles, No. 12	17 00
Ann Arbor, No. 13	15 00
Fenton, No. 14	23 00
Flint, No. 15	11 50
	$510 50

NOTE.—Mailed 270 copies of proceedings to all States, Canada, and subordinates in this jurisdiction, and various other correspondents.

O. BOURKE,

DETROIT, June, 1867. *Grand Recorder.*

On motion, both reports were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Recorder, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee, to whom the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were referred, have carefully examined the same, and find them correct, showing a balance of cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $569.65.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. ATWATER,
T. A. FLOWER,
D. B. NICHOLS,
Committee.

On motion of Sir G. B. Noble,

Resolved, That the delegates to this Conclave be paid $3 per diem, and 10 cents per mile one way, for this session of the Grand Commandery.

The following invitation, received from the "Soldiers' Monument Association," was referred to the Grand Recorder and a committee of two other Sir Knights of his selection, who are authorized to make necessary preliminary inquiries and arrangements, and, provided such arrangements as the Grand Commandery prescribe can be made, then the Grand Recorder will accept the invitation and issue a circular letter inviting subordinate Commanderies to attend and participate in the ceremonies on that occasion:

MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' MONUMENT ASSOCIATION,
Executive Committee,
DETROIT, June 3, 1867.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

SIR—By vote of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Soldiers' Monument Association, I am authorized to invite, through you, the officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, and the commanderies under their jurisdiction, to participate in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the Michigan Soldiers' Monument, on the coming 4th of July.

Hoping to receive from you at an early date a formal acceptance of this invitation, I remain, with assurances of regard,

Yours, very respectfully,

T. W. PALMER,

Sec'y M. S. M. Association.

The special order for 11 o'clock being the election of officers for the ensuing year, tellers having been appointed, the Grand Commandery proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

Sir E. D. Benedict, Grand Rapids, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir W. F. King, Adrian, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir J. H. Armstrong, Hillsdale, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir C. J. Kruger, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir Rev. Wm. Stowe, Port Huron, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir J. L. Mitchell, Jackson, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir D. Bovee, Coldwater, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir W. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir O. Bourke, Detroit, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir L. C. Starkey, Kalamazoo, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir P. H. Taylor, Ionia, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir J. Goldsmith, Jackson, E. Grand Warder.
Sir W. V. Griffith, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The officers elect were duly installed, and took their several positions in the Grand Commandery.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which, on motion, was laid over for the present:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

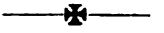
Your Committee on Jurisprudence would report that they have given a careful examination to the appeal of Sir Henry Metz from the action of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in refusing to reinstate the said Metz, who had been suspended for non-payment of dues. We have examined the papers submitted, Masonic law relating to the case, and also the Constitution of this Grand Commandery, and find that the action of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, was in conformity therewith. We would therefore offer the following resolution, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter:

Resolved, That the action of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in refusing to reinstate Sir Knight Henry Metz, be sustained.

Respectfully,

JOHN L. MITCHELL,
R. W. DAVIS,
E. M. STEVENS,
Committee on Jurisprudence.

Called from labor until 3 o'clock P. M.



WEDNESDAY, June 5—3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan resumed labor at 3 P. M.

Sir G. B. Noble offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the charter of Romeo Commandery, No. 6 (that body having failed to make returns since 1862), be and is hereby declared forfeited, and the Grand Recorder is authorized to give certificates of membership to all Sir Knights of said Commandery, upon satisfactory evidence of their good standing, and on receiving all dues owing by Romeo Commandery, No. 6, to this Grand Commandery.

In this place, the last E. Commander on record, Sir Abijah E. Palmer, reported in writing that, on looking over the returns, he finds the name of Haman Dowd omitted. That he was about the last member made, some four years ago, and desires that his name should appear somewhere, that he may be acknowledged a Sir Knight.

The Committee on Returns presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Returns would respectfully report that they have examined the returns, and found—

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, correct.

Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, correct.

Eureka Commandery, No. 3, $3.50 short.

Adrian Commandery, No. 4, 50 cents overpaid.

De Molay Commandery, No. 5, 50 cents overpaid.

Romeo Commandery, No. 6, no returns.

St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, correct.

Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, 50 cents short.

Jackson Commandery, No. 9, correct.

Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, 50 cents overpaid.

Ionia Commandery, No. 11, $2.00 overpaid.

Niles Commandery, No. 12, correct.

Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, correct.

Fenton Commandery, No. 14, 50 cents overpaid.

Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, $2 50 overpaid.

P. H. TAYLOR.
J. GOLDSMITH, JR.
S. B. SMITH.

[NOTE.—The above mentioned errors were duly paid.—RECORDER.]

The discussion on the amendment to the Constitution, as proposed by Sir Knight Starkey, was resumed, and, after considerable debate, the amendment was, on vote, lost.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made a report, which was referred back for alterations, when it was again read, accepted and adopted. The following is the report:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

The Committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies would respectfully report the following:

Your committee to whom was referred the by-laws and records of St. Bernard

Commandery, No. 16, U. D., of East Saginaw, report that they have had the same under consideration, and find their by-laws correct. They further report that, from an examination of their records, it appears that regular business was in many instances done in a council of Knights of the Red Cross, which should have been done in the Commandery of Knights Templar. This your committee thinks irregular. With the exception of such irregularities, your committee find their records correct, and they recommend that a charter be granted them, to be called "St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16, of East Saginaw."

And they would further report that they have examined the by-laws and records of Marshall Commandery, U. D., and also those of Columbia Commandery, U. D., and find them correct, and recommend charters be granted them, to be known and designated as follows: "Marshall Commandery, No. 17, of Marshall;" "Columbia Commandery, No. 18, of Sturgis."

J. T. HAYDEN.
D. DOVEE
J. W. CHAMPLIN.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder procure the printing and distribution of the necessary number of copies of proceedings, and also print with said proceedings the Constitution and By-Laws govering subordinates, for their information and guidance.

Sir John Clark moved the payment of $10 to the Sentinel, $5 to Monroe Chapter, for gas supplied, and $50 to the Recorder, for his services, etc., which was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted as the sense of the Grand Commandery on the subject alluded to:

Resolved, That when the name of a Sir Knight is stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues to his Commandery, the payment of said arrearages restores him to membership. But charges may be preferred for non-payment of dues, like other offenses, and proper penalties inflicted. The Grand Commandery admit the right of any Sir Knight feeling aggrieved to appeal from their decision to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan was closed in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, after prayer by the E. Grand Prelate.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which was ordered to be published with the proceedings:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to acknowledge having received proceedings from the following State Grand Commanderies since the date of our last report, viz: Alabama, Connecticut, California, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin, which we will notice in alphabetical order, briefly, in comparison with the immense fund of most valuable information contained in the pages of so many esteemed correspondents.

ALABAMA.

Met at Montgomery, Nov. 30, 1866. Five subordinates represented. The address of the R. E. Sir Richard F. Knott, though comparatively brief, contained truths which should be deeply impressed on the heart of every Mason, and exposes a condition of society calling for the benevolence of every man not utterly dead to common humanity. We notice with gratitude the high compliment paid our late R. E. Sir John Clark by the Committee on Correspondence.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Commandery assembled in New Haven, May 10, 1866. Seven Commanderies represented. The R. E. Sir F. J. Calhoun, in his address, enumerates the personal visits made by him during the year to all the subordinates in his jurisdiction, a practice which we consider eminently calculated to advance the prosperity of the Order, and impart

information and confidence not easily obtained in any other way. We do not find any notice of our own Grand Commandery, although copies of proceedings have been regularly mailed every year since publication was resumed.

CALIFORNIA.

Met in Conclave at San Francisco, October 18, 1866. Seven Commanderies represented. The address of R. E. Sir Henry H. Kees is very brief, but the almost unequaled harmony prevalent in his jurisdiction did not even call for a decision on a disputed point, nor discipline for any offense; therefore, we can readily comprehend the happy and easy task intrusted to his care. We regret to see that no proceedings have been received from us, although duly sent. We hope never again to be absent.

IOWA.

Met in Davenport, June 12, 1866. Eight Commanderies appeared by delegates. R. E. Sir Theodore S. Parvin read a very interesting and instructive address on the different details of work and business, regularly systematized and classified. We observe a degree of vigor in this jurisdiction indicative of widespread usefulness and enterprise, and shall hail with infinite pleasure the annual evidence of their prosperity. The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is peculiar, being an able compendium of matters of interest in all the corresponding jurisdictions.

ILLINOIS.

Our neighboring Grand Commandery assembled in Chicago, October 23, 1866. The R. E. Sir H. C. Ranney addressed a lengthy and very able address on all subjects of interest in that jurisdiction, as well as to the Craft in general. He is evidently a hardworking Commander, diligent in visiting the several posts, and attending to the interests of his extensive jurisdiction. Fifteen Commanderies were represented.

INDIANA.

This Grand Body met in Indianapolis on the 3d of April, 1866. Eight subordinates represented. The annual address of M. E. Sir W. Hacker is a document of special interest, although the Grand Encampment of the United States does not exactly reach his standard of perfection. We are again called upon to notice the non-receipt of our own proceedings in this State. It is no fault of the Recorder; every published proceeding has been mailed to the last Recorder and Commander on record.

KENTUCKY.

Met at Versailles on the 14th of June, 1866. Seven Commanderies represented. The brief address of R. E. Sir H. H. Culbertson contains exalted truths often, alas! lost sight of by professing Christians. We make space for one short extract:

"Knighthood, in terms, implies integrity of purpose, open, honest, frank and fair dealing, and the exercise of those virtues which should distinguish the Christian gentleman. A true Knight scorns all duplicity, all dishonesty, and all unfair dealing; looking to the scriptural head of his Order, he will seek to obey his precepts, and especially to do unto others as he would that they should do unto him. None but a high-minded, honorable man is worthy of this Order."

We have to apologize to our esteemed Grand Recorder, Sir W. C. Munger, for unintentionally, through printer's blunder, metamorphosing his patronymic. We never supposed Sir W. was of German stock. Kentuckians are justly proud, and jealous of any intrusion on their paternal cognomen.

LOUISIANA.

Conclave at New Orleans, February 16, 1866. Three Commanderies were represented. R. E. Sir J. Q. A. Fellows read a brief address adverting to matters of importance in his jurisdiction, but of no general interest. No report on correspondence.

MAINE.

Annual Conclave in Portland, May 1, 1866. Seven Commanderies represented. The address of R. E. Sir T. J. Murray reviews his visits and official acts during his term, and is replete with sage suggestions and wise counsel. This Commandery has progressed very rapidly in prosperity, and is destined to be a bright co-laborer in the work of our noble Institution.

MISSOURI.

Convention at St. Louis, May 21, 1866. Four Commanderies represented. R. E. Sir Thomas M. Wannell delivered an able address on the condition of the Order in his jurisdiction, also a general review on Templarism. In the absence of E. Sir A. O. Sullivan, on a bed of sickness (alas! since a bed of death), the place of that eminent and illustrious Mason was efficiently filled by Sir George F. Gouley, whose Report on Correspondence does great credit to his head and heart.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

Convened at Boston, October 26, 1866—special assemblies having been previously held in February and May of the same year. R. E. Sir C. H. Titus delivered an exceedingly able address, recapitulating the work performed in his extensive jurisdiction. The report of the Histriographer, Sir Alfred Creigh, and that of the committee thereon, are very lengthy, and contain a fund of general information of vast importance, which we would desire to extract from if space permitted. This jurisdiction is in a very prosperous condition, and eighteen subordinates were represented.

NEW YORK.

Convened in Syracuse, October 2, 1866. Thirty-six subordinates represented. The address of R. E. Sir Pearson Mundy is a concise, business-like paper. The utmost harmony prevails in this jurisdiction, and they exhibit a high degree of prosperity. The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of other States (ours not included) in an able and interesting paper, evidently the production of a master mind. We cannot deny that some of the strictures applied are well merited, and we hope will have a salutary effect.

NEW JERSEY.

Meeting at Trenton, September 11, 1866. Five Commanderies represented. The address of R. E. Sir C. Betchel is very brief, and announces peace and harmony in the jurisdiction. We acknowledge the compliment paid by the Committee on Correspondence. The term "Convocation," although accidentally used, is altogether preferable to the choice of our Jersey critic, "Conclave." Please consult Noah Webster's Unabridged. Nor can we see how its use intrudes on our neighbors of the Chapter or Council; they certainly have no reason to usurp its use exclusively.

OHIO.

The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held at Toledo, October 11, 1866. Fifteen subordinates represented. The M. E. Sir Heman Ely read an address of interest not only to his own jurisdiction, but containing sage counsel and advice applicable to Templar Masonry everywhere. The Committee on Correspondence present a lengthy review of singular ability, which we would desire to extract from if practicable, but space does not permit.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Assembled at Lancaster, June 12, 1866. Eighteen subordinates represented. R. E. Sir W. H. Strickland announces an unprecedented increase and prosperous condition of the Order in that State. His address shows great zeal and care of the interests devolving on him. The Committee on Correspondence notice the remarks in our last report, and, knowing the reason of our silence, see its reasonableness and justice. We know true courtesy pervades the *animus* of their remarks, although, perhaps, sometimes premature. We trust never again to be compelled to forego the great pleasure of reviewing, however briefly and imperfectly, the doings of our co-laborers in the good work.

TENNESSEE.

Assembled at Nashville, December 10, 1866. Six Commanderies represented. R. E. Sir A. S. Underwood briefly addressed the Sir Knights on subjects of purely local interest. Sir John Clark, a member of this committee, acknowledges the high compliment paid him in copying his remarks at length concerning Templar Masonry. This compliment is enhanced, coming from the true and chivalrous Sir Knight Fuller, the able chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, to whose lucid pen we are indebted for some of the clearest thoughts to be found among the writings of so many reviewers.

VIRGINIA.

Met at Richmond, December 13, 1866. Five subordinate Commanderies represented. We regret to see their shattered ranks so thin, although standing firm. On the Rock of their Strength they will soon reoccupy their proud and prominent position. R. E. Sir Edward W. Gill briefly and ably reviews the status of his jurisdiction, and imparts good and wholesome advice for their instruction and the welfare of the Order. The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of the different State Commanderies, and are not slow in administering rebuke to several of those who cannot possibly leave politics and polemics in their proper sphere, but must, within the sanctum sanctorum, pollute the unsullied vestments of a Knight Templar with narrow-minded and ungenerous thrusts, too cowardly to be chivalric, and too bigoted to be Masonic.

VERMONT.

This Commandery assembled in Rutland, on Monday preceding the second Wednesday in January, 1866. Four subordinates were represented. Sir George M. Hull, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered an able address. He finds the Order prospering beyond his most sanguine expectations. All within the borders are in peace and harmony. The Committee on Correspondence present an able epitome, reviewing the several proceedings of correspondents, not forgetting our own poor little sheet. Well, we have done better since, and are not by any means "falling from grace."

WISCONSIN.

The last, but not least, of our correspondents convened in Milwaukee on the 2d of January, 1867. Seven Commanderies represented. The able address of Sir Alvin B. Alden, R. E. Grand Commander, contains, amongst other truths of general interest, a caution against hastily increasing the members within the jurisdiction, and advises a careful scanning of all material presented, which might, with great profit, be extended to other jurisdictions. The highest degree of harmony appears to prevail within the sanctuary of our western *frater*. The Committee on Correspondence are pleased to make copious extracts from our proceedings, and compliments us far beyond our merit. We assure our enterprising co-laborer that the Wolverine State is steadfast in the faith, and, in Emanuel's name, will press forward to obtain the prize promised to the faithful: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Your committee having briefly and, necessarily, in general terms, looked at the operations of our co-laborers, would remark that the programme laid out originally to ourselves, intended to select extracts from the many beautiful gems pervading their columns, and thus spread before our readers a bounteous mental repast, positively unattainable from all and every other source. It is beautifully true, however strange, and presents incontrovertible proof of the sublime principles governing our Order, that throughout the widely extended country the only true fraternal link not severed by strife and war is to be found in Masonry. When every man's hand was raised against his brother, one Institution alone remembered its sacred ties, and under various and trying exigencies and emergencies, was always ready to extend the right hand of fellowship to a falling brother.

May we never lose sight of the highest object af human attainment—the merciful approbation of our righteous, eternal Judge. May He strengthen our hands and hearts to perform valiantly the work allotted to us of spreading "Peace on earth—good will toward men." Unfurling the banner of the Cross, let us steadily press forward, and when our earthly career is drawing to a close, may we confidently say, in the language of the blessed Apostle, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of glory."

It is a source of great gratification to have perused the proceedings of so many Grand Commanderies—nineteen in all—and we confidently hope the next report of our committee will be able to acknowledge many more. The uniform courtesy pervading all of them is gratefully acknowledged, and we hope feebly, but truly, reciprocated. To all we would say, may peace reign within your walls and prosperity within your palaces.

Courteously submitted,

O. BOURKE,
JNO. CLARK,
Committee.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The Sixteenth Triennial Convocation was held at Columbus, Ohio, on the 5th September, 1865, M. E. Benjamin B. French presiding.

Courteously Yours

C. D. Rudisill

GRAND COMMANDER.

1868.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1868.

The Twelfth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan was held in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in Masonic Hall, city of Detroit, on Tuesday, the 2d of June, 1868, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir Ed. D. Benedict, R. E. Grand Commander.
W. F. King, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
J. H. Armstrong, E. Grand Generalissimo.
C. J. Kruger, E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. Wm. Stowe, E. Grand Prelate.
J. L. Mitchell, E. Grand Senior Warden.
D. Bovee, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Wm. Barclay, E. Grand Treasurer.
Oliver Bourke, E. Grand Recorder.
L. C. Starkey, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
P. H. Taylor, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. Goldsmith, Jr., E. Grand Warder.
W. V. Griffith, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Commandery was honored with the presence of many distinguished visiting Sir Knights, including nearly all the surviving Past R. E. Grand Commanders of this State, and a full representation from all the subordinate Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan was opened in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, prayer and praise having been offered to the Great Giver of all good for the manifold blessings and comforts we enjoy, and for strength to protect and sustain us through the many trials and afflictions we are destined to endure while traveling through this vale of tears.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular Convocation was dispensed with, as printed copies have been furnished to every Commandery in the State, and an ample supply are on the Recorder's desk for use of the members.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery invite all visiting Sir Knights in good standing to unite with them in their deliberations for the good of the Order during its session.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed a Committee on Credentials, consisting of Sir Knights Noble, Smith and Hayden, to examine and report a list of Representatives from the Grand Officers and subordinate Commanderies.

On motion, the Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Union Lodge of Strict Observance, Free and Accepted Masons, tendered to the Grand Commandery the use of their rooms for committee and other purposes, for which kindness, on vote, the Grand Commandery returned their thanks and their appreciation of the fraternal spirit evinced by said Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, June 3—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan resumed labor, pursuant to order, at the appointed hour.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Representatives present:

Your Committee on Credentials would report the following Sir Knights as members of the Grand Commandery:

GRAND OFFICERS—

E. D. Benedict, R. E. G. C.

W. F. King, V. E. D. G. C.

J. H. Armstrong, E. G. G.

C. J. Kruger, E. G. C. G.

Rev. Wm. Stowe, E. G. P.

J. L. Mitchell, E. G. S. W

D. Bovee, E. G. J. W.

Wm. Barclay, E. G. T.

O. Bourke, E. G. R.

L. C. Starkey, E. G. Stand. B.

P. H. Taylor, E. G. Sword B.

J. Goldsmith. Jr., E. G. W.

W. V. Griffith, E. G. C. G.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS—

John Clark.

N. P. Jacobs.

L. R. Atwater.

B. Porter.

G. B. Noble.

S. L. Dart.

Frank Darrow.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

J. A. Barns, E. C.

J. P. Fisk, G.

E. J. Garfield, C. G.

Wm. Barclay, Past E. C.

D. B. Nichols, Past E. C.

Thos. H. Armstrong, Past E. C.

A. G. Hibbard, Past E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

T. A. Flower, E. C.

Mark Walters, proxy for G.

A. B. Cudworth, proxy for C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

J. T. Hayden, proxy for E. C.

Wm. S. Edwards, proxy for G.

C. H. Putnam, proxy for C. G

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, No. 4—

S. B. Smith, C. G., and proxy for E C

W. T. Perkins, proxy for G.

De Molay Commandery, No. 5—

L. H. Randall, G., and proxy for E. C. and C. G.

Romeo Commandery, No. 6—

No returns.

St. Clair Commandery, No. 7—

E. White, E. C.

O. D. Conger, proxy for G.

F. L. Wells, C. G.

Peninsular Commandery, No. 8—

A. T. Metcalf, E. C.

F. Henderson, G.

Charles H. Brown, C. G.

Jackson Commandery, No. 9—

D. W. Shaw, proxy for E. C. and C. G.

J. B. Tomlinson, G.

Jacobs Commandery, No. 10—

O. C. Graham, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

Ionia Commandery, No. 11—

W. B. Thomas, E. C.

G. S. Cooper, G.

L. B. Townsend, C. G.

Niles Commandery, No. 12—

Thos. G. Beaver, Rep. of Commandery.

Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13—

S. M. Webster, E. C.

H. H. Malory, proxy for G.

A. McElcheron, proxy for C. G.

Fenton Commandery, No. 14—

E. M. Stevens, C. G., and proxy for E. C.

G. W. Wilmot, G.

Genesee Valley, No. 15—

S. C. Randall, E. C.

P. H. Stewart, G.

L. G. Buckingham, C. G.

ST. BERNARD, No. 16—

Ervin Smith, E. C.

M. C. T. Plessner, G.

Frank R. Potter, C. G.

MARSHALL, No. 17—

Seneca B. Smith, E. C.

H. G. Filkins, G.

E. Ellis, C. G.

COLUMBIA, No. 18—

W. R. Kent, E. C.

Robert H. Morrison, proxy for G.

W. L. Stoughton, C. G.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. NOBLE,

S. B. SMITH,

Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following Sir Knights to constitute the usual standing committees during the session:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

Atwater, Barnes and White.

ON FINANCE—

Flower, Kent and Randall.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

Fiske, Smith and Beaver.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

Armstrong, Atwater and Tomlinson.

ON RETURNS—

Hayden, Graham and Walters.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Grand Recorder and John Clark.

On motion of Sir Knight Noble—

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing year be the special order at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The R. E. Grand Commander read his annual address to the Grand Commandery, of which the following is a copy:

SIR KNIGHTS—Another year has passed, and we are again permitted to assemble in this place to take into consideration the welfare of our noble Order.

Let us feel sensible of the past mercies which we have enjoyed, and return our heartfelt thanks to the Source of all our blessings for His continued kindness; and may the remembrance of the past stimulate us to renewed endeavors in the future to live as becomes our profession, not allowing ourselves to be turned aside by either interest, prejudice nor passion, ever keeping in view the reward that awaits all those who sincerely follow the precepts of the blessed Immanuel.

The past year has been one of prosperity as to the number of accessions to our ranks, and may we not confidently expect that all are worthy and well qualified for the extensive duties and obligations resting on them as valiant and magnanimous Knights?

My official acts have been few. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, I was not able to be present at the constituting of the Commanderies chartered at our last Annual Conclave. I have, however, been peculiarly fortunate in receiving the assistance of Sir Knights fully competent for the service, to whom I accord my grateful acknowledgments.

Upon my proxies issued for the purpose, Columbia Commandery, No. 18, at Sturgis, was duly constituted and officers installed on the 1st day of July, 1867, by Sir Knight J. H. Armstrong, our E. Grand Generalissimo; St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16, at East Saginaw, on the 2d day of August, 1867, by Sir Knight L. R. Atwater, Past Grand Commander; and Marshall Commandery, No. 17, at Marshall, on the 1st day of August, 1867, by Sir Knight S. L. Dart, Past Grand Commander.

The number of applications for dispensations for new Commanderies during the past year has been greater than in any former year since the organization of this Grand Body, and in granting dispensations I have done so with the utmost confidence in the skill and integrity of the petitioning Sir Knights, and believing that the welfare of the Order would be promoted thereby.

Dispensations were issued to a constitutional number of Sir Knights, in each case, as follows:

December 17, 1867, for Monroe Commandery, No. 19, to be located at Monroe—Sir Knight D. Burnham Tracy, E. C.

April 6, 1868, for John Clark Commandery, No. 20, to be located at St. Clair—Sir Knight John Clark, E. C.

April 8, 1868, for Corunna Commandery, No. 21, to be located at Corunna—Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, E. C.

April 13, 1868, for Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, to be located at Muskegon—Sir Knight Charles T. Hills, E. C.

These Commanderies intend to apply for charters at the present session.

In January last I received notice from Sir Knight Bourke, our E. G. Recorder, that the revised Work adopted at the Annual Conclave in June last, had been placed in his hands by the committee to whom it had been committed for revision, and agreeably to the resolution adopted by this Grand Body, I caused the same to be promulgated through our E. Grand Recorder to every Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction.

This has been attended with some expense, which you will be called upon to provide for.

I have made the following decision:

"That the granting of a charter by the Grand Commandery is legal notice to all subordinate Commanderies within this Grand Jurisdiction, and each subordinate Commandery is presumed to know, and is bound to take notice of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery, whether they have received the printed proceedings or not."

I have had the pleasure of an opportunity to peruse the proceedings of twenty-one sister Grand Commanderies. I doubt not your Committee on Correspondence will extract from them much for our edification.

In conclusion, Sir Knights, permit me, in retiring from the exalted position which I have occupied during the past year, to thank you for your many knightly courtesies towards me, and for the honors which have been conferred upon me; and may the deliberations of our present Conclave be such as will promote the best interests of our beloved Order.

ED. D. BENEDICT.

GRAND RAPIDS, June 1, 1868.

On motion, the Grand Commander's address was referred to a special committee consisting of Sir Knights Porter, G. B. Noble and Cudworth to apportion.

Resolved, On motion, that the officers and delegates to this Grand Commandery

be paid three dollars per diem, and ten cents per mile, one way, for this session of the Grand Commandery.

The committee to whom the R. E. Grand Commander's address was referred for division, report, recommending that the portion thereof relating to dispensations and charters be referred to the standing committee on those subjects.

[Signed,] BENJ. PORTER,
G. B. NOBLE,
A. B. CUDWORTH,
Committee.

Which report and recommendation were adopted.

Sir Knight G. B. Noble offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to issue to members of Romeo Commandery, No. 6, proving themselves to be in good and regular standing, and on payment to him of their dues up to the time of surrendering the charter of said Commandery, his official certificate, under seal, which will be taken and have the same force as a regular discharge from said Romeo Commandery, No. 6, while regularly organized.

Sir Knight John Clark offered the following motion, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Sir Knight Grand Recorder be paid seventy-five dollars for his services; Sir Knight W. V. Griffith fifteen dollars for acting as Sentinel, and Monroe Chapter, No. 1, R. A. Masons, five dollars to pay for lighting hall, etc.

The Committee on Work reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the compilation of the Work as adopted at the last session of this Grand Body, would report that they have compiled the same as furnished them by the committee, and have deposited the original with the Grand Recorder, in the month of January last. This would have been done earlier had your committee been aware that it was required of them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. MITCHELL,
BENJ. PORTER,
L. C. STARKEY,
Committee.

Which report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Grand Recorder reported that in obedience to the request of the Grand Commandery, he had, after much difficulty, procured the services of two Sir Knights to make copies of the Work for use by the subordinates, and had distributed one copy to every subordinate Commandery in the State of Michigan; that he had from time to time advanced money to the parties who made the copies, and now requested the Grand Commandery would designate the just amount to be paid for each copy made and issued.

The Grand Commandery, after fully considering the question, fixed ten dollars per copy as a proper amount, and authorized the Grand Recorder to settle on that basis.

The Grand Recorder reported that he had received an invitation from Springfield, Mass., which he read, as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., April 22, 1868.

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

The several Masonic bodies of this city having voted to celebrate the coming anniversary of St. John's Day, invite their brethren from abroad to unite with them on that occasion.

We address you at this time, extending the invitation to your Body to join with us in the festivities of the day, hoping that you will accept, and be present with full ranks.

We pledge you a fraternal and cordial reception.

You will pardon the committee for urging that you give the subject early attention, and apprise us of your determination on or before the first week in June.

In your reply, please give us the date of your charter, and as nearly as possible the number who wish tickets for the Grand Banquet, so that we may amply provide for all.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. RAY,
Chairman Committee.

J. E. COOLIDGE,
Cor. Secretary.

That he had corresponded with the Chairman and Secretary, and was pleased to recognize and acknowledge the great cordiality with which the Grand Commandery of Michigan and Detroit Commandery, No. 1, were treated.

The Grand Commandery gratefully acknowledged the compliment paid them, and desired their Recorder would give expression to their

feelings, and assure their Massachusetts co-Warriors for the Cross that the best fare in their tents is always at their command, and hope to be able some time to reciprocate their kindness. Detroit Commandery, No. 1, are especially honored by being singled out and named in such complimentary terms. Should Springfield, or any member hailing from there, have occasion to visit the City of the Straits, they will find a hospitable reception at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1.

A petition was received from several Sir Knights, late members of Romeo Commandery, No. 6, praying that on certain conditions the charter of said Commandery might be restored under its original number and name.

On motion, the petition was referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Sir Knight Noble offered a resolution directing the Grand Recorder to procure the printing and distribution of the necessary number of copies of these proceedings, which was adopted.

The same Sir Knight moved that the Representatives from this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment of the United States be instructed to oppose the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, which proposes to change the name and title of the Grand Commanderies and subordinates. Adopted.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted, except the recommendation giving the old number of Romeo Commandery, No. 6, to the John Clark Commandery, which was not adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that your committee to whom was referred the by-laws and records of Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, of Muskegon, under dispensation, have had the same under consideration, and find their by-laws correct, also their records. The committee find a clause in their by-laws with regard to fees which we approve, which is as follows: "The fees for the Orders of Knighthood in this Commandery shall be thirty dollars, in all cases to accompany the petition; and that the Order of the Temple and of Malta shall not be conferred until the candidate is fully armed and equipped, according to the regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan;" and the committee recommend that a charter be granted them, to be known and designated as Muskegon Commandery, No. 22.

And they would further report that they have examined the by-laws and records

of John Clark Commandery, of St. Clair, under dispensation, and find them correct; and recommend that a charter be granted them, to be called "John Clark Commandery, No. 6," this number to take the place of Romeo Commandery, their charter having been declared forfeited at the last Annual Conclave of this Grand Body.

The committee also recommend that the name of St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, be changed to Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, in order that it may not be confused with John Clark Commandery, of St. Clair.

And they would further report that they have examined the by-laws and records of Monroe Commandery, No. 19, under dispensation, and find them correct; and recommend that a charter be granted them, to be known and designated as Monroe Commandery, No. 19, of Monroe.

And they would further report that they have had under consideration the petition of some of the Sir Knights of the late Romeo Commandery, No. 6, praying for a restoration of their charter, and report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners.

And they would further report that they have examined the by-laws and records of Corunna Commandery, No. 21, under dispensation, and find them correct, and they recommend that a charter be granted them, to be called Corunna Commandery, No. 21, at Corunna.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. R. ATWATER,
J. A. BARNES,
E. WHITE,
Committee.

A discussion having arisen relative to several errors, mostly of a trifling and clerical character, not essentially altering the sense or order of the verbiage, which necessarily occurred in making twenty-four copies of the Templar's Work (at best an extremely tedious aad monotonous operation, and involving the proverbial patience of Job), on motion, it was finally resolved that Sir Knight Benj. Porter be constituted a committee of one to read and correct all the copies, and compare same with original.

The subject of the Grand Commandery of Michigan holding, through the several subordinates, a field encampment during the summer or fall, was referred to a special committee consisting of Sir Knights Metcalf, Porter and Hibbard, to report during the present Conclave.

On motion of Sir Knight Cudworth, it was—

Resolved, That the E. Commanders named in charters granted at the present ses-

sion of the Grand Commandery are hereby authorized to hold meetings for the election of officers at any time after receiving their charters.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Representatives of Commanderies under dispensation be permitted to vote on the election of officers of this Grand Body, the same as other delegates.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer presented their annual financial reports, which, on motion, were referred to the Finance Committee:

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. OF MICHIGAN,

In account with W. BARCLAY, Grand Treasurer.

		Dr.
1867—June 4.	Cash on hand, last report	$ 569 65
1868—June 2.	Cash from Grand Recorder	80 45
		$ 650 10
		Cr.
1868—June 2.	By balance carried down	$ 650 10
	To balance brought down	650 10

W. BARCLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN,

In account with O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder.

		Dr.
1867—June.	A. G. Hibbard, 1	$ 9 00
	T. A. Flower, 2	11 00
	J. H. Armstrong, 3	20 00
	S. B. Smith, 4	16 60
	J. W. Champlin, 5	25 00
	W. Stowe, 7	16 50
	Thos. G. Brownell, 8	20 30
	D. W. Shaw, 9	13 60
	O. C. Graham, 10	22 00
	Levi Taylor, 11	18 65
	R. W. Landon, 12	24 50
	E. W. Stevens, 14	14 00
	S. L. Dart, R. E. G. C	23 40

1867—June.	Ed. D. Benedict, V. E.	$ 25 00
	W. F. King, E. G. G	16 60
	J. H. Armstrong, E. G. C. G	20 00
	C. J. Kruger, E. G. P.	25 00
	J. L. Mitchell, E. G. S. W	16 60
	D. Boyer, E. G. J. W	22 00
	O. Bourke, E. G. R.	50 00
	L. C. Starkey, E. G. S. B	23 30
	P. W. Taylor, E. G. S. B.	18 65
	W. V. Griffith, E. G. C. G	10 00
	John Clark, P. E. G. C.	16 50
	Benj. Porter, P. E. G. C.	16 60
	L. R. Atwater, P. E. G. C	25 00
	S. C. Randall, 15	15 50
	L. C. Starkey, expenses	8 00
	G. B. Noble, P. E. G. C.	9 00
	Monroe Chapter, for gas	5 00
	Postage and stationery	15 00
June 13.	Free Press, 500 returns	15 00
July 9.	Free Press, charters and circulars	7 75
Aug. 1.	Express, Romeo book	1 00
	Free Press, proceedings	230 00
	J. G. Cobb, account copying work	115 00
1868—June 2.	Cash to Grand Treasurer	80 45
		$1,030 40

		Cr.
1867—June.	Detroit Commandery, No. 1	$ 90 50
	Pontiac, No. 2	29 50
	Eureka, No. 3	46 00
	Adrian, No. 4	75 00
	De Molay, No. 5	32 50
	St. Clair, No. 7	55 00
	Peninsular, No. 8	77 00
	Jackson, No. 9	59 00
	Jacobs, No. 10	67 00
	Ionia, No. 11	31 00
	Niles, No. 12	24 50
	Ann Arbor, No. 13	15 00
	Fenton, No. 14	13 00

1867—June.	Genesee Valley, No. 15	$ 15 50	
Dec. 27.	D. B. Tracey, Monroe dispensation	100 00	
1868—April 7.	John Clark, J. Clark dispensation	100 00	
8.	H. McCurdy, Corunna dispensation	100 00	
13.	Chas. T. Hills, Muskegon dispensation	100 00	
			$1,030 50

O. BOURKE,

Grand Recorder.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the proposition of holding a field encampment, reported as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the proposition of this Grand Body ordering the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction into a field encampment during the present summer, would respectfully report that if it be ascertained that a sufficient number of the Commanderies of the State are in favor of the plan to secure a respectable showing as to numbers, it would, no doubt, result in a pleasant and profitable meeting of the Knights Templar of our State.

And your committee would recommend that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the sense of the several Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction upon the proposition referred to; and if in the judgment of this Commandery it be deemed advisable to carry out the proposed plan, report, advising as to time and place, and so inform the R. E. Commander, who shall elect as to time and place, and issue orders accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. T. METCALF,
BENJ. PORTER,
A. G. HIBBARD,

Committee.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom the annual reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder were referred, made the following report:

Your Committee to whom the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were referred, have examined the same, and find them correct, showing a cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $650.10.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. FLOWER,
W. A. KENT,
S. C. RANDALL,

Committee.

The designated hour having arrived, the Grand Commandery of Michigan proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, tellers having been appointed to count the ballots and report the result.

The following were declared duly elected:

Sir J. H. Armstrong, Hillsdale, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir T. A. Flower, Pontiac, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir A. G. Hibbard, Detroit, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir J. L. Mitchell, Jackson, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Rev. Wm. Stowe, Port Huron, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir D. Bovee, Coldwater, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir L. C. Starkey, Kalamazoo, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir O. Bourke, Detroit, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir John Goldsmith, Jr., Jackson, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir Carlos G. Curtis, Detroit, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir Theo. G. Beaver, Niles, E. Grand Warder.
Sir W. V. Griffith, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The officers elect were severally introduced, installed in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, and assumed the performance of their several duties, in their proper stations.

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the examination of the several returns made by the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, reported that they had performed the duty assigned to them, and report the following result:

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, $1.00 short.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, 50 cents overpaid.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3, $1.00 short.
Adrian Commandery, No. 4, correct.
De Molay Commandery, No. 5, correct.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6, no returns.
St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, correct.
Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, correct.
Jackson Commandery, No. 9, 50 cents overpaid.
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, $5.50 short.
Ionia Commandery, No. 11, $2.00 overpaid.
Niles Commandery, No. 12, correct.
Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, $4.00 overpaid.

Fenton Commandery, No. 14, 50 cents overpaid.

Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, 50 cents overpaid.

St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16, correct.

Marshall Commandery, No. 17, correct.

Columbia Commandery, No. 18, $3.50 short.

The errors above mentioned were duly corrected, and the returns marked accordingly.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan, through its presiding officer, hopes that all Grand Officers and delegates, so far as possible, will appear in regulation uniform at the opening of the next Conclave.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan was closed in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, after prayer by the E. Grand Prelate.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have great pleasure in again resuming acquaintance with the many familiar and several new names who have favored us with their valuable and highly esteemed transactions since we last addressed your Grand Commandery. The roll consists of the following:

ALABAMA—29th November, 1867.
CONNECTICUT—9th May, 1867.
GEORGIA—23d April, 1867.
IOWA—15th October, 1867.
ILLINOIS—22d October, 1867.
INDIANA—3d April, 1867.
KENTUCKY—28th June, 1867.
LOUISIANA—15th February, 1867.
MINNESOTA—24th June, 1867.
MAINE—7th May, 1867.
MISSOURI—7th October, 1867.
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND—3d October, 1867.
NEW YORK—1st October, 1867.
NEW JERSEY—10th September, 1867.
NEW HAMPSHIRE—September, 1866 and 1867.
OHIO—11th October, 1867.
PENNSYLVANIA—20th September, 1867.
TENNESSEE—15th October, 1867.
VIRGINIA—12th December, 1867.
VERMONT—11th June, 1867.
WISCONSIN—1st January, 1868.

It will thus be seen that we have added to our long roll of last year. Several are yet absent, whom we would with great pleasure welcome to our annual feast and interchange of fraternal greetings. We can only hope when again we open our portfolio that our select numbers may be all present.

We will briefly notice each in alphabetical order, commencing with

ALABAMA.

The Eighth Grand Annual Conclave convened in the city of Montgomery, R. E. Sir Richard F. Knott, Grand Commander. Seven Commanderies represented, with a total membership of two hundred and twenty-seven. Thirty-two Knighted within the year. The address delivered by the E. Grand Prelate is eminently a document characterized by true Christian principles, and while fairly combating prevalent doctrinal fallacies, is replete with instruction and exhortation. He exhorts charity and devotion as a feeble recompense for the many mercies and comforts we enjoy. We extract briefly:

"And is there no need for such charity and devotion? Is ours to be a life of play? Are we content to figure as carpet Knights—holiday soldiers? Is there no grand reality behind our outward pageant? Sir Knights, the very pilgrim from afar is among us yet, needed to be fed, guided, encouraged with words of friendly cheer; there are feeble knees to be strengthened, weak hearts to be made strong. In the most literal sense there are widows' tears to be wiped away, and the fatherless to be sustained. Awake, Sir Knights, look around you; realize where you are, and what you are? 'Take unto yourselves the whole armor of God.' 'Ride forth because of the Word of Truth and Righteousness,' and the Lord at your 'right hand shall teach you wonderful things.'"

Did our necessarily limited space permit copious extracts from this luminous exhortation, it would be both pleasant to ourselves and profitable to our readers. The R. E. Grand Commander's address is a practical document, reciting the operations and condition of the Craft through his jurisdiction. The counsel and advice he gives are emanations of a true Christian spirit, and like oil on the recently troubled Masonic waters of the South. We heartily hope the remarks recently issuing from both sections of our country are indicative of the renewal of the old cordial spirit and essence of Freemasonry. Sir Knight A. I. Walker, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents an able and elaborate review of twelve Grand Commanderies,

including Michigan. We would remind our distinguished fraters that "brevity is the soul of wit," and while we desire courteously to acknowledge all correspondents, can see no benefit to be derived from the usual and necessarily brief mere allusions to Masonic topics, of which they form so great a part. Sir Richard F. Knott, of Newbern, was re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir Edmund M. Hastings, of Montgomery, Grand Recorder, until next meeting. Vale!

CONNECTICUT.

Annual Conclave in Hartford. Seven Commanderies represented. Peace and tranquility seem to pervade all the Asylums in this jurisdiction, not a single question to produce discussion having arisen during the year. The address of Sir John W. Paul, Grand Commander, is very interesting as an exhortation to the *practice* of those tenets which underlie the usefulness of the Order. He will permit an extract of singular beauty and force:

"But there is no meed of praise for us because we speak the sympathizing word, or perform the kindly deed, unless we are prompted by the indwelling spirit of love. The lip may, from a sense of duty, utter the formula, 'Be ye fed and clothed;' but 'though I speak with the tongue of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.' The sagest counsel, the most wholesome advice, *may be* in vain; for, 'though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.' Nor shall the most costly sacrifice, prompted by self-love or a desire for the praise of men, be to us aught else than valueless; for 'though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.' But he who, in the spirit of charity, goes forth into the world, scattering blessings like flowers along his pathway, shall find his reward. He casts his bread upon the waters, and the returning wave washes to his feet a blessed harvest of pearls; he receives the approval of a good conscience, the realization of the great truth that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive,' and the favoring smile of Him who speaks to every true and courteous Knight, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

The Report on Correspondence was in possession of exchanges from eighteen jurisdictions, including our own. On a cursory view, we have

not discovered anything requiring special comment. Sir E. G. Storer pleads poor health for its brevity. The writer, thank Providence, can plead no such excuse; but, truly, no part of his duty appears so useless as those Reports on Correspondence when extended beyond the *condition* of the Commanderies in other States. Sir Stiles D. Perry, of Hartford, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir E. G. Storer Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Commandery of this State convened at Augusta. Five Commanderies had delegates present, although the Grand Recorder publishes returns from seven. We count on the rolls of those published three hundred and twenty-nine members. Grand Commander W. T. Gould presents in his address the fact that his jurisdiction had resumed their fealty to the Grand Encampment of the United States, which allegiance was severed by their act during the late war between North and South. He logically states their true position as follows:

"It should not be forgotten that the relations of the State Grand Commanderies to the Grand Encampment differed entirely from those of the State Grand Chapters to the General Grand Chapter. Without discussing the organization or authority of this last body, it is sufficient to say that, by their own action, they had voluntarily abandoned all practical authority over the State Grand Chapters, and had really become a mere pageant without any actual jurisdiction. But the State Grand Commanderies all derived their existence and their authority from the General Grand Encampment, as it was originally termed. They began in direct subordination to it, and that subordination could not be shaken off as long as the United States remained under one political government. The secession of the Southern States placed us, for a time, in another and independent sovereignty. With the right of this secession we, as Masons, have no concern. The fact of actual separation was, for a time, a certain one; but when that fact ceased to exist, as before remarked, the former state of things returned, as of course. The Grand Encampment never abandoned their authority over us, and while the nation is politically one, that authority cannot be shaken off."

There is no Report on Correspondence, although evidently ours have reached them. Sir W. T. Gould was re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir Charles R. Armstrong Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

We most cordially welcome our respected Fellow Soldiers for the Cross back into the ranks of the faithful, nor have we a word of censure, but a warm welcome to offer.

IOWA.

A special Conclave was held at Keokuk, 11th September, 1866, for the purpose of exemplifying the Work and Drill, and to assist in constituting Damascus Commandery, No. 5, and dedicating their hall, in accordance with resolutions at the Annual Conclave, June, 1866. Sir Wm. Leffingwell, R. E. Grand Commander, exemplified the Tactics and Drill at length, and on the 12th the proceedings of constituting the new Commandery appear to have been of an exceedingly interesting character. We have read with much interest and instruction the able and exhaustive oration delivered on that occasion by Sir E. A. Guilbert. We would fain make extracts therefrom, were it not that the historical events are so continuous and connected that we hardly know how to disconnect them or cull therefrom. The entertainment was evidently worthy of the occasion, and the utmost harmony pervaded all the proceedings The Fourth Annual Conclave of this Grand jurisdiction assembled in Davenport 15th October, 1867, Sir Wm. Leffingwell, Grand Commander. Nine chartered Commanderies and two under dispensation were represented, with an aggregate membership of four hundred and twenty-eight. The Right Eminent gives an address reviewing the condition of his charge, and tendering timely and good counsel for their government. His position relative to floating Masonic organizations, without a fixed habitation, is entirely in accord with the views of this jurisdiction. They are productive of much mischief and confusion, and should not be tolerated. The committee on his address pass a well merited encomium on his many virtues and Masonic services. Nearly half a century of his life has been spent in the practice and teachings of Masonry, and he is one of the Fathers of Masonry in this State. It is indeed a loss to have so intelligent and active a Sir Knight abandon the helm to more inexperienced hands, and we trust he may be spared many years to strengthen with his counsel the ranks of the faithful, and to enjoy the retrospect of a well spent life.

The report on correspondence, from the pen of that accomplished writer, Sir Edward A. Guilbert, is an exceedingly able and very lengthy and elaborate criticism on seventeen grand jurisdictions, including Michigan. His fire is very caustic and severe in many cases; still, a

vein of good humor runs through it, and in some measure recompenses for the rents his flaming scimeter has perpetrated. Iowa certainly cannot complain that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence have been stingy. Much time and labor were necessary to cull so vast a volume of information.

ILLINOIS.

Eleventh Annual Conclave in the city of Chicago on the 22d October, 1867. Nineteen Commanderies represented thirteen hundred and thirty-nine members. The R. E. Sir George C. Lanphere reports they have been favored during the past year with health, prosperity, and peace. "The Lord has blessed us in our nation and in our family. He has blessed us in our basket and in our store. He has crowned the year with blessings, and no time is more fitting or proper for the acknowledgment of these blessings than the present, when, like the tribes of old Israel, we come up to this our Jerusalem, to renew our vows, as well as to rejoice in our 'Harvest Home.'" The address elaborately and in detail recapitulates the transactions of the past year, which have not been few nor immaterial. His decisions on Masonic subjects we fully indorse as sound and judicious.

The Committee on Correspondence review the names of seventeen States, Michigan among the number. From this report we observe that in Connecticut, Alabama, and Virginia, the Council degrees are a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood. This should not be so. They are not required by the Grand Encampment, and it is a virtual prohibition of Sir Knights hailing from those jurisdictions visiting with us, unless we should all be in possession of them, which is not the case. We copy the closing remarks, which are timely everywhere:

"Your committee cannot but congratulate you, Sir Knights, on the general prosperity of the Order. Our ranks have largely increased, and we have gained many Perfect Ashlars to adorn and beautify our earthly Temple; may we all so conduct our earthly pilgrimage that when, at last, our term of penance shall have ended, and we shall have crossed the dark waters, we may be welcomed by our Ever Blessed and Adorable Saviour, in those memorable words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

"But we cannot help noticing the often expressed fear that we may, in our great haste, be too forgetful of the qualifications all should pos-

sess before joining this valiant order; words of caution come up from all sides. We think that in this fast age there is too great rapidity in conferring Degrees and Orders; and that candidates, from the ease with which they are rushed through, and the general desire of Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies, to accommodate *them*, gain but a poor impression of our Rites and Ceremonies, and the principles they teach.

"Time, more time between the conferring of Degrees; six months is none too long before a candidate is allowed to come from Chapter to Commandery, and then at least a fortnight between each Order; whereas, now the Orders are often conferred before a companion has been exalted a week, and then both conferred on the same evening."

The subjects of recompiling the Work and perfectly understanding the Drill are enjoined by the R. E. Grand Commander as matters deserving the early and careful attention of the Grand Commandery. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut was elected Grand Commander, and Sir James H. Miles Grand Recorder (re-elected), for the ensuing year.

INDIANA.

The Thirteenth Annual Conclave of this Grand Body convened in Shelbyville on 2d April, 1867, Sir Harvey G. Haselrigg, M. E. Grand Commander. Ten subordinates represented, members reported four hundred and eleven.

No report on Correspondence as such, but the Grand Commander has taken the trouble to supply the deficiency in a very lucid and critical analysis, culling from the various proceedings questions of interest to the Craft, and carefully digesting and expounding ritualistic and tactical points of difference. His subjoined remarks on Tactics and Drill are worthy of consideration, although we do not agree with his positions nor deducibles:

"The tactics and drill of our Commanderies are not very authoritatively defined nor uniformly practiced in the various jurisdictions in the United States; whether this arises from a want of knowledge of the Drill, or an opinion that the practice is not essential, is not well settled. It is necessary that to some extent a sword exercise should be understood and practiced; but beyond that, military evolutions are not among the essentials in the practice of our Rites. What the formation of squares, angles, triangles, passing defiles, or anything of the kind, has to do with the practice of the virtues of the Christian Knighthood, must remain a problem not meriting very serious investigation. It is

true that our Order partakes of a military character, and its founders practiced military rites; that, however, no more makes it necessary that we, as Knights Templar, at this day should practice marking time, filing, pacing, wheeling, etc., than that we should practice baptism, washing feet, or any other of the church ordinances, nor, indeed, as much, for our Order is tenfold more founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues than upon a knowledge of, or the practice of, military evolutions.

"Speculative Masonry was originally operative Masonry; yet it would not a little astonish the oldest of us to see Master Masons marching into our Lodges with broad-axe, drawing-knife, foot-adze, chisel, auger, planes, sledge-hammer, drills, etc., and practice the form of exhibiting their uses; yet it would be as appropriate as that of marching, wheeling, forming right, obtuse or acute angles, or any of the thousand and one evolutions performed by the general in the field. Nothing beyond what is necessary to communicate the orders, teach the modes of recognition, and prove our right to participate in the practices of our Commanderies, is necessary. All beyond, though not a violation of any of the landmarks of the Order, is, I think, rather surplusary, and should not be obligatory; neither would it be necessary or proper to prohibit it."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented an exhaustive and decisive report on the question of some few Grand Commanderies requiring that the Royal and Select Masters' degrees should be conferred prior to a candidate being eligible to receive the degrees of Knighthood. They prove clearly that such degrees are a comparatively modern invention, and the Grand Encampment of the United States does not recognize any such prerequisites, and has on several occasions ruled that they should not be deemed essential, or regarded as intermediate steps, prior to advancement to Knighthood. Sir Harvey G. Hazelrigg was re-elected M. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Wm. Hacker Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Commandery held its Twentieth Annual Conclave in the town of Georgetown, Scott county, on the 27th June, 1867. Nine subordinates represented, embodying a total roll of four hundred and six. The address of R. E. C. R. Woodruff, G. C., is brief and practical—confined exclusively to operations within his own jurisdiction. He congratulates the Sir Knights on the increasing popularity of Knight

Templar Masonry in the State. He exhorts his Companions to look to it that increased numbers in their ranks will not deteriorate their standard of worth and merit. Sage, sound, wholesome counsel. Quantity, not quality, is a fallacious and dangerous doctrine in Masonry. Haste to fill the ranks, without proper regard and close scrutiny of the material, has always led to disastrous results. It is much easier to introduce than to remove rubbish from our Masonic edifice. Let the brethren fearlessly exercise their sacred rights. The ballot box can and should protect them, and there an infallible and unfailing safeguard exists.

The Report on Correspondence, from the familiar and accomplished pen of Sir Wm. C. Munger, is a document of sterling worth. It ably and fully reviews the proceedings of eighteen correspondents, including our Michigan, and extracts copiously and liberally therefrom. The closing paragraph is deserving of perusal, and should with profit be digested by every Sir Knight:

"May every Sir Knight of our jurisdiction endeavor so to live as to prove his faith by his works—by his daily walk and conversation maintain our Order in its purity in the high position it justly deserves to be held, study its principles, and practice its precepts; bearing aloft the banner inscribed, *In hoc signo vinces;* remembering that *memento mori* is inscribed upon all sublunary enjoyments; so improve the remaining span of life, seeking an interest in the blood of a crucified and ascended Savior, that when our days on earth are numbered, we may be prepared to enter the Grand Asylum above."

LOUISIANA.

The Fourth Annual Conclave of this State assembled in the city of New Orleans on the 15th February, 1867. Three subordinates represented, returning the names of two hundred and thirteen members.

The address of R. E. Samuel Manning Todd is very brief. Harmony and peace have prevailed in his jurisdiction. The Sir Knights have assembled in their respective commanderies, and quietly performed their allotted duties, and no dissensions or sounds of discord have been heard within their Asylums.

The report on Correspondence from the pen of Sir James B. Scott reviews the doings of eighteen States, among which ours is numbered. We take great pleasure, in perusing this report, to notice the truly Ma-

sonic spirit which runs through every line thereof; and while our own jurisdiction has never for a moment indulged in or permitted in its Asylums the slightest approach to the introduction of outside issues, we feel the force of the following remarks, and heartily commend them to others as a rule and practice:

"Your committee take pleasure in stating that political addresses and reports have almost entirely disappeared, and trust that before long such topics will be forever excluded from our Asylums and consigned to the 'tomb of all the Capulets,' never more to be resurrected. Let both North and South practice the following excellent advice of Sir Knight Goodwin, of Pennsylvania, and our sanctuaries will never again be polluted by the fell demon of politics:

'Now that Peace has spread her snow-white wings over our heretofore bleeding and distracted country, we fondly hope that the valiant and magnanimous Knights of the various State Grand Commanderies of the Southern section of our country, forgetting the past, and with hearts devoted to our common country, the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and above all to the principles of the First Grand Master under the Christian Dispensation, will again meet and reorganize and reunite with us in building up a more glorious temple than earth can give—a temple in which all misgivings, all bickerings, all heart rendings, and all political opinions are cast aside, and meet around a common altar, having no other aim and no other object but love to God and love to man.'"

MINNESOTA.

We have before us a well compiled and neatly printed pamphlet containing proceedings of the organization of this Grand Commandery on the 23d October, 1865, the First Annual Conclave held in St. Paul on 25th June, 1866, and the Second Annual Conclave held in Minneapolis on 24th June, 1867. The details of the first meeting possess no matter of interest of a general character. Four subordinates were represented. The R. E. Grand Commander made no written address; he stated in a few well-timed remarks that no event of importance had occurred since the organization of the Body, and referred to the advantages that would accrue from an early resolution by all the subordinate commanderies to make the standard for Knightly virtues for admission to the order a high and exacting one, and bade the members a godspeed in the work before them.

A Constitution and Regulations were adopted, which, in their general features, differ little from the usual Code.

Sir Geo. W. Prescott was, on ballot, elected first R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir C. W. Carpenter Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

The proceedings of the Second Conclave in 1867 are also brief, as might be expected from so recently established a body. No address from the Right Eminent, whose name does not appear during the proceedings, so that the only material we have to select from or allude to, consists of a review by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the States of Ohio, Connecticut, Illinois and Louisiana. Not having our table of correspondents furnished with our book of doings, we are unable to say whether we included Minnesota, but shall be careful to place her on our list, and with much pleasure welcome her into the family of the faithful, being well assured she will battle manfully in our great and glorious cause, and fight under the Red Banner of our Salvation, looking to the recompense of reward which awaits the true Warriors of the Cross after life's fitful fever is o'er and rest overtakes the weary pilgrim from afar wending his tortuous course through the many trials and afflictions we are destined to endure while traveling through this vale of tears.

It appears in a subsequent portion of the proceedings that the R. E. Sir G. W. Prescott has removed to the State of Tennessee, where he was expected to make his permanent home, which accounts for his absence. Highly complimentary resolutions were passed, expressing the great obligations the Grand Commandery felt for his zeal and able services in the cause, and their regret at losing so valuable a Mason and Christian man and gentleman.

R. E. Sir Alfred E. Ames was elected Grand Commander, and E. Geo. A. Savory, Grand Recorder, for the Masonic term.

We notice four subordinate Commanderies report a total roll of two hundred and fifty Sir Knights in good standing.

MAINE.

Met in Annual Conclave in Portland on the 7th May, 1867, R. E. Moses Dodge, Grand Commander. Nine subordinates represented, returning an aggregate membership of six hundred and eight names. The address of the Grand Commander shows a pleasing feeling of

gratitude for the many blessings and privileges we enjoy, although during the past year the vicissitudes attending our earthly pilgrimage have been fearfully severe in his individual case, having lost almost all his personal property by fire, including his entire collection of manuscripts and private papers. The Masonic Hall also fell a prey to the devouring element. We heartily and sincerely sympathize with him and our fraters of Maine, and trust soon to learn they, Phœnix-like, rise from their ashes, clad in the whole armor of Righteousness, prepared to engage in their Templar warfare with more vigor and resolution than ever.

The Grand Generalissimo reports the Order in a more flourishing condition than ever before. A better interest is taken in the Tactics and Drill, and the Orders are conferred more in accordance with their Sublime teachings.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty Commanderies, including ours. The general good nature, matured learning, and intimate acquaintance with Masonic matters, possessed by our highly esteemed and familiar friend, Sir Josiah H. Drummond, the author, make this report a supereminently readable and interesting paper. We make room for an extract:

"A review of the whole field shows the Banner of our Order 'still full high advanced;' the vacancies existing in our lines during the direful years of the war are rapidly filling; since our last report, Louisiana, Virginia and Texas have wheeled into line; the herald has announced the near approach of Georgia; and we trust another year Mississippi (still sadly missed) will be found in her wonted place in our ranks.

"We have high and gratifying prospects for the future. In spite of the passions engendered by a long and terrible war, the return of peace finds the members of our Order hastening to stand shoulder to shoulder as if nothing had ever occurred to destroy or disturb their mutual trust and affection. An institution which produces such results *must* endure as long as the human heart beats with a single generous emotion."

R. E. Sir Moses Dodge, M. D., was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Ira Berry Grand Recorder, for next term.

MISSOURI.

Seventh Annual Conclave in the city of St. Louis on the 7th October, 1867. Seven subordinates represented; three hundred members on rolls. The general aspect of the Order in this State is fairly prosperous, although the accessions to the ranks only number thirty-eight within the year; still we don't believe the number of Masons made is a criterion of healthy advance, material being infinitely of more importance. Our esteemed friend, Grand Commander Geo. F. Gouley, issues an address of considerable length, touching on the affairs of his jurisdiction, reviewing corresponding Commanderies, and devoting much the greater portion to a severe castigation of the infringement attempted by the so-called Scottish Rite on his prerogative. He certainly deals vigorous blows on the head of that Supreme institution, and it would appear has successfully foiled their attempted inroads. The seductive syren voice of this, to our narrow comprehension, unapproachable, incomprehensible species of modern Masonry, not having yet won the affections of the writer sufficiently to take it at a gulp and clasp it to his bosom, we are unable to discriminate on its intrinsic merits or demerits; but we really are strongly of the opinion that too much powder is being expended on so insignificant game. Nor can we see what general interest those elongated uninstructive dissertations possess to the general reader. Grand Commander Gouley says this belabored institution is a concentration of superstition, and being himself a thirty-second, he ought to know. The closing paragraph of his address we copy:

"I cannot let this closing opportunity pass without, in the strongest language, appealing to you to stand firm to your posts as sentinels on the towers. Be led aside by no specious pretexts of policy or threatenings of danger. Having unsheathed your swords in the name of the Great Emanuel, having planted your Christian Standards high upon the battlements and before the world, and being imbued with pure sentiments of Divine faith, and a chivalrous devotion to Honor, Virtue and the truth, you can rest assured of being hailed and recorded as victorious Knights."

Sir Knight Geo. Frank Gouley was re-elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Knight A. B. M. Thompson Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

As usual, the Special, Semi-Annual and Annual Conclaves of this Grand Body are very voluminous, being issued in an excellently arranged pamphlet of one hundred and twenty-eight pages. We will allude briefly to the latter:

M. E. Rev. Sir Charles Henry Titus, Grand Master, addressed this Assembly on 30th October, 1867, in the city of Boston, at its Annual Session. He is evidently a zealous, hard working officer, personally superintending the routine of all the subordinates. His visits were numerous, and he reports the condition of those examined in very flattering terms. The dedication of the new Temple on 24th June, 1867, was an occasion long to be remembered by the Sir Knights present, who, in the aggregate, including visitors, numbered nearly three thousand. The exercises were very interesting, and were participated in by R. E. and E. Commanders and Knights from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia, and was certainly the largest congregation of Masons ever held in the United States. This extensive jurisdiction is composed of twenty-three subordinates, numbering twenty-seven hundred Sir Knights, and its condition is extremely prosperous. The principal officers are not, as in most other States, mere cyphers filling no useful position towards the Grand Commandery beyond assisting in opening and closing at meetings, whereas in Massachusetts the principal officers make official visits to subordinates, and annually report their doings. This is just as it should be. As a rule officers are advanced by gradation, and in this way, before reaching the position of Grand Commander, they are fitted by experience for the proper discharge of the numerous duties appertaining to that high office in a proper and efficient manner. The following closing remarks are worthy of record and careful digestion:

"In a general review of the condition of the Order in the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, I find much reason not only for gratification, but also for devout thanksgiving to Him from whom we derive every good and every perfect gift. The influence of this Order in cultivating and promoting a true manhood, is felt and acknowledged by our members, and is manifest in their intercourse with each other. The obligations of an exalted friendship are more clearly seen, and the demands of such friendship more cheerfully met, by those who have

carefully studied the sublime lessons which are taught within our Asylums, and have bowed together at the shrine of our departed Lord. We meet here as we do not and cannot meet elsewhere. In the world we have our business pursuits and associations; our professional labors and connections; our ecclesiastical fellowship and duties. But here we assemble from all the pursuits of life, and enjoy the blessings of a true friendship with those with whom we never otherwise should have met. Clergymen of different denominations are not hindered in their grasp of friendship and brotherly love by any sectarian differences which may exist elsewhere. Lawyers who may have differed in their arguments and pleas before the court and jury, forget all differences here. Politicians who, in contending earnestly for their faith, often find hard and bitter words the only kind they deem suitably characteristic of their opponents, here seem utterly oblivious of any contention except that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

"These Asylums, so happily established within our jurisdiction, are our precious resting places from the jars, divisions, business anxieties, and the hurry and turmoil of life. The man who can pass through our solemn ceremonies, and gain admission to the rights and privileges of our Asylums, and not have his better nature aroused to healthful action, his religious emotions and susceptibilities excited and increased, and his whole manhood made better, does not deserve to be a man among men."

M. E. Sir Wm. W. Baker, of Boston, Mass., was elected *Grand Master*, and our old friend in correspondence, Sir Solon Thornton, Grand Recorder. This M. E. and *Grand Master* grate most awfully on our *long* experienced, if not Hub-fully cultivated, Masonic ears. May we not ask, as a world-wide and universal favor, the discontinuance of those harsh, unsonorous terms? "Come out of your shell," "mix with the throbbing, beating, pulsating bulk of Masonic humanity," "infallibility is the arrogated characteristic of your exclusive Asylums" (we mean in the use or abuse of names), but you must yield to numbers and some outside intelligence, and allow us to know what manner and style of men we are addressing. Sir Solon, your scribbling frater imposes on you individually the reformation of this crying evil, and if not corrected, we will most positively confer the rite of adult baptism without benefit of clergy. Flee from our dreadful wrath, and be wise in time.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Commandery held their Fifty-Fourth Annual Conclave at Saratoga Springs on 1st and following days of October, 1867. Thirty-one subordinates represented, returning a total roll of three thousand five hundred and fifty-eight members in good and regular standing. There were seven hundred and forty-one new members added to their list within the past year—an immense and, we sincerely trust, healthy accession. Sir Pearson Mundy, R. E. Grand Commander, delivered a very able and practical address. Sound advice runs through his exhortation, of such general application that we take the liberty of cutting a gem or two from so abundant a field of mental repast:

"During the past year peace has reigned throughout our jurisdiction, and prosperity has been her handmaiden. If, without seeming extravagant, I might be allowed the expression, I would say that we have been fearfully prosperous, so large has been our increase and so extended the favor which the Order appears to be creating for itself. I do not propose, however, to indulge in the usual phrases expressive of fear, lest some day we meet with a reverse, thus borrowing a trouble which may never come.

"My own observation leads me to ascribe the marked prosperity and general favor attending the Masonic Institution in its various branches to the natural law of compensation, to the fact that we have outlived the Satanic crusade undertaken against us, that by carefully attending to our own business and allowing our works to show forth our faith, we have deadened the old venom, and in many instances made friends of those who, while under the influence of prejudice, were our declared enemies.

"The people in our various neighborhoods have come to understand that such men as are well known to belong to the Craft, could not be retained in its membership for a single day, were its principles less pure and its actions less praiseworthy than they discover them to be.

"They perceive that while we have no system of proselyting, we are ever ready through the press and by word of mouth to explain our objects and make known the laws and principles which govern and unite us. The natural reaction of public sentiment against those who, in the past, have so maliciously traduced us, turns to our advantage, and we have only to be true to our mission, observant of our own duties, and unflinchingly faithful to our own covenants and regulations to maintain the favor and good opinion which we now enjoy.

"Let our Commanderies and Sir Knights take these facts to heart, bearing always in mind that we are but the depositories of a great trust which demands that our actions conform to our words, and from generation to generation the work will go on. Death will reap his harvest among us, but as the sword falls from one hand another will take it up, and the bright rays of the morning will ever greet our serried ranks, advancing upward and onward, conquering and to conquer."

The following decisions, made by so accomplished a Masonic jurist, will be of interest:

"1. That members of a warranted Commandery uniting in a petition for the establishment of a Commandery U. D., should be required, as a condition precedent, to pay their indebtedness to the old Commandery, up to the date of the letters of dispensation.

"2. That Sir Knights uniting in the formation of a new Commandery without dimitting from the old one, should, if they elect to remain with the new Commandery, give notice in person or in writing to the old Commandery of such election.

"3. That an applicant for the Orders having been rejected by one Commandery, cannot be received in another without the consent of the rejecting Commandery, but that a majority vote at a stated Conclave is sufficient to give such consent.

"4. That the process of striking from the roll is not recognized in our statutes; while, on the other hand, the Grand Commandery has repeatedly expressed its disapprobation of that process, and indicated that those who neglect or refuse to pay dues should be suspended until they comply with their own contracts.

"5. That while a Commander may permit a Sir Knight to officiate in his absence in delivering the ritual to an applicant, the accolade should not be delegated to any one of inferior rank, but always to be given by the Commander in person, or by the Grand Commander when present.

"6. That none but the most imperative reasons can justify failure to obey a lawful summons, and that a Sir Knight duly summoned and neglecting to obey, has no possible ground of complaint as to matters transacted in his absence."

The Report on Correspondence, from the very skillful pen of E. Sir J. W. Simons, surveys the operations of sixteen correspondents, including our own. Did our limits permit, it would be instructive and interesting to take copious extracts from so learned a document.

The report of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, from the

same indefatigable brain, is a model of good arrangement and sound Masonic law.

R. E. Sir John A. Lefferts was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Robert Macoy re-elected Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

NEW JERSEY.

The Ninth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Trenton, on the 10th day of September, 1867. R. E. Sir Wm. M. Snow, Grand Commander, and our veteran friend in the cause, Sir T. J. Corson, Grand Recorder.

Five subordinates, returning two hundred and five members, were represented. The Grand Commander congratulates the Sir Knights upon the flourishing condition of the Order throughout his jurisdiction. He reports having personally visited nearly every Commandery in his State, and found them prosperous far beyond his most sanguine expectations. Peace and harmony, those stars of beauty in the Masonic Order, have shed their influence throughout the jurisdiction. The most fraternal feeling has existed among the Grand Officers; their intercourse has been exceedingly pleasant and most cordial.

The Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of seventeen States, including Michigan, and make liberal extracts therefrom on subjects of general importance, or touching the welfare of the Craft.

Frater Corson is very severe on the exclusiveness of Massachusetts, a very generally expressed feeling everywhere.

R. E. Sir Geo. H. Woolman was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir T. J. Corson Grand Recorder (re-elected for next term).

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We take much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a well compiled and neatly executed book, containing the transactions in this State of the Templar meetings of September, 1865, September, 1866, and September, 1867. The two former, being out of date, are only useful for reference. We, therefore, will confine our few remarks to those of 1867.

On the occasion of their Annual Conclave, in the city of Concord, on the 24th September, seven subordinates were represented, with a membership of four hundred and fifty-six reported, and ninety-six Knighted within the year.

Sir Chas. A. Tufts, R. E. Grand Commander, addressed the assembled

Knights, reviewing the acts performed in his official capacity, and tendering some good and wholesome advice to them on their duties and relations in the exalted positions they occupy as Soldiers of the Cross. We extract:

"Masonry in this country has never been so popular as at the present time. The great struggle through which our country has passed has brought out in a striking and beautiful manner the benefits and blessings of Masonry, some of the incidents of which seem more like tales of romance than of actual reality. In consequence of this, a great rush is made for membership in our fraternity, and too much care cannot be used to prevent the admission of unworthy persons. I would earnestly urge upon the subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction the greatest care in admitting members; it is better to reject three good men than to admit one who is unworthy. If there is *any* doubt about the character of an applicant, postpone the consideration of his case until satisfactory information is obtained, and if he is not fully up to the standard of a true Sir Knight, do *not* admit him to your asylum. An unworthy man may gain admission to our lodges, but do not admit any one to our beloved Order without he is *every* way qualified to become a Knight among our number. I deem this caution of the utmost importance at the *present* time, and I beg you to give it all the consideration that its necessity demands.

"Too much care cannot be bestowed to render our beautiful ritual exemplified as it should be: If each officer would strive to perform his part as well as it can be done, not according to his *own* ideas, but according to the best literary taste, our meetings would always be attractive and interesting. We should recollect that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. All have not had the same advantages as others, but most of us can, by study and care, greatly improve the manner in which the work of our Order is generally performed. But, above all, Sir Knights, we should see that in our own lives and characters, we exemplify the principles of our Order. It is not enough that we wear the badge and uniform of a Sir Knight. To be a true Sir Knight, we should daily in our walk and conversation be governed by the beautiful principles of our Order—if we are so governed, if we so exemplify our principles, we shall be better sons, better husbands, better citizens, better men and better christians, and when our time for departure comes, 'with malice toward none, with charity for all,' we shall be ready as good soldiers, to pass from things temporal to things

eternal. So living, and so dying, it can well be said of each of us, 'he has not lived in vain.' "

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence, written by Sir Wm. Barrett, touches briefly on the proceedings of seventeen Correspondents, including our own. Alluding to the publishing of Grand and State Commandery Constitutions and Statutes, he remarks:

"We think it a very good idea to publish the decisions of the M. E. Grand Commanders so far as they are indorsed and approved by the Grand Encampment. We wish that the decisions of all State Grand Bodies might be published with their proceedings. There should be in every Grand Commandery an able Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom every question of Masonic law may be referred. Let us have a system of jurisprudence in our Chivalric Order, which should be an honor to the institution."

We heartily hope soon to see a compilation of the various questions and decisions given, and such a code can, with propriety, emanate, carrying authority from the Grand Encampment alone. We make one extract from this report:

"Now that Peace has dawned upon us, and fraternal strife no longer deluges our fair country with priceless blood, let us, one and all, seriously endeavor, under the Cross and motto emblazoned upon the banners of our Order, to conquer our passions and prejudices, and hereafter wage war only in the great cause to which every Sir Knight has devoted himself.

"It bespeaks much for the charity and knightly courtesy of our beloved Order that questions involving vital interests are so warmly and vigorously, and yet so candidly and calmly, discussed, with a view only to elucidate Truth, settle doubtful historical points, and to determine the nature and extent of the allegiance due to the Grand Encampment of the United States."

OHIO.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held at Cincinnati on the 11th of October, 1867, Sir Heman Ely, Grand Master, Sir John D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder. Again, after a long interval, those unsonorous terms assail our loyal ears; but Ohio is at present in a transition state, and we will not scold; but positively next time the vials of our wrath will be poured out upon her, should she continue refractory. At this meeting fifteen subordinates were repre-

sented, returning one thousand two hundred and thirty-nine members, of whom two hundred and fifty were created within the past year. The highest degree of prosperity appears to prevail, and all is harmony. Sir Heman Ely, Grand Master, etc.

We discover that Ohio has, with a true magnanimity worthy of so noble a State, and represented by a multitude of the best sons of Chivalry in Knighthood, acknowledged her allegiance to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and has adopted a Constitution and Rules adapted to the change, and have at once exchanged their exclusive nomenclature to those well known to all, or with a solitary and dignified exception, all other jurisdictions. We certainly are rejoiced to see this sensible move of our much respected neighbors.

The Grand Master's address gives a history of all prominent transactions within the year throughout his wide jurisdiction, and is an eminently practical and well-toned document. A brief extract will show the spirit which pervades it

Sir Robert Gwynn submitted an able review on communications from corresponding Commanderies, thirteen in number, including Michigan, which, he says, the Committee have examined with much pleasure and profit to themselves, but regret to say the business treated of is generally of a nature so purely local as to render it of little interest to the Sir Knights of their jurisdiction, save and except in so far as it presents the assurance that the Orders of Masonic Knighthood are in all our kindred jurisdictions in a flourishing and gratifying healthy state of prosperity.

Sir Heman Ely was re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir John D. Caldwell Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year. We annex an extract from the Grand Commander's address:

"In addressing you with cordial greetings befitting the occasion, and saluting you as Knights Templar, the name suggests the contrasts between the meeting and purpose of the founders of our Order and the aim and manner of our assembling in Annual Conclave.

"When those ancient Knights assembled with all the weapons necessary to perform their deeds of high emprise, the light of consecrated taper fell on each Red Cross and glittering shield and sword, while with holy rite and solemn vow the Templar took upon himself the sacred obligation of his Order—to defend to the uttermost the oppressed, and protect with life and limb all pious pilgrims who should visit Jerusalem to offer their devotions at the Sepulchre which for a few short

hours had enshrined the human form of our blessed Immanuel. Nobly did they fulfill their vows; bravely did they win imperishable renown.

"We, Sir Knights, have inherited their title; the age which called forth their virtues and their valor has passed, yet we trust that the spirit of the Templars still lives, a spirit of refined and moral chivalry no less sacred than theirs, which should incite its possessors to deeds of higher, nobler *moral* daring in the cause of Truth and Justice, should stimulate each Knight to protect and befriend the weary, way-worn pilgrim, to succor and defend the *innocent*, the *distressed* and *helpless*, and ever stand as champion of the Christian religion."

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Fourteenth Annual Conclave of this Commandery, under its present organization, but the seventieth since the organization of the first Grand Encampment, in May, 1797, was held at Pittsburg, on the 12th day of June, 1867. M. E. Sir Robert Pitcairn, Grand Commander; E. Sir Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder.

From a hasty glance over these pages, we discover uncommon industry on the part of all the executive officers and committees.

The wordy dispute between Massachusetts and Pennsylvania as to which originated Templarism in the United States, calls forth a very long and very able reply from Sir Alfred Creigh, of Pennsylvania, to Massachusetts. We feel so little interest in the point at issue that we are prepared to acknowledge both or either as the original Jacobs. Certainly, their industry has exhumed a mass of information valuable as matters of history, and which entitle them, or any or either of them, to the eternal gratitude of the chronic searcher after relics; but of the practical utility of this prolonged controversy, *cui bono?*

We extract from the beautiful address of the Grand Commander:

"As Templars, we cling to the Book of Inspiration as the sheet anchor of our hopes for time and eternity—as Templars, we recognize no other belief and no other foundation than is laid in the corner-stone of the Christian religion, discarding all sectarianism and bigoted views. We display the Standard of the Cross in our Asylums, having upon its ample folds the ever-to-be-revered motto, *In hoc signo vinces*. An Order based upon such principles must necessarily contain within itself those undying cardinal principles of union and harmony which are characteristic of our Templar Order—hence I have the pleasure of announcing

that peace and brotherly love prevail throughout our widely extended jurisdiction, and that all our subordinate Commanderies are actuated by the true and correct principle—who can best work and best agree. Hence no official decisions have been made, nor have any questions of jurisprudence been submitted, because our landmarks and principles are so definitely settled, and our officers and membership so well versed in their application, that none were needed.

"We cannot close our address without referring to the fact, patent to all, that our Order is increasing too rapidly. It is due to our Order to restrain so many from crowding into our Asylums. Our doors are swung entirely too far back, and too many are rushed through with locomotive speed.

"It requires calm thought, deliberate action, purpose of mind and holy resolves to enter our communion. There is no place on earth so sacred as an Asylum of Templars. Our rites and ceremonies are the embodiment of silence, holiness, purity and sincerity. Then why destroy the sanctity of these essentials by creating more than one Sir Knight at a time? My own opinion is that it takes away that solemnity which the candidate should preserve, and detracts from the beauty of our rituals. Upon this question I trust a committee will be appointed who will report fully upon the subject, and limit the number to two or three persons, if not to our ancient number, which in all cases was confined to the individual himself. Many reasons might be advanced for action in the matter; but I shall defer giving them for the present.

"It seems to me that we are allowing ourselves to become looser in our inquiries as to the character of candidates for Knighting, especially as to their religious belief; permitting Royal Arch Masons to become Knights Templar who do not fully believe in the trinity of the Godhead, and that Christ was the Son of God, as revealed in the New Testament. It was for this Knighthood was established; it was for this the Crusaders attempted to recover the Holy Land, in which our Redeemer was born, lived, crucified, buried, and arose from the dead; it was for this that the Templar Order has unceasingly and perseveringly labored—to build up the doctrine of the Holy Trinity—'three persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God—the same in substance; equal in power and glory, although distinguished by their personal properties'—and which is represented in all the Asylums by the sacred Delta. I would recommend that the committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of recom-

mending the Grand Encampment to change the Templar ritual, also take into consideration the propriety of so wording our petitions for initiation as to preclude all possibility of evading this important subject."

The oration delivered on this occasion was a model of beautiful language and instructive illustration. We cannot refrain, at the expense of being charged with prolixity, from extracting one or two gems of thought:

"We are Pilgrims, weary and worn, often by the roughness of the way, but, with staff in hand, journey on."

"Our cradle is the starting place—
In life we run the onward race,
And reach the goal;
When, in the mansions of the blest,
Death leaves to its eternal rest
The weary soul."

"We are Pilgrim Warriors. The weapons of our warfare, what are they? The Sword of the Spirit, the Shield of Faith, the Girdle of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Sandals of Preparedness, the Helmet of Salvation—weapons that are ours from the Forge of the Almighty Jehovah, prepared to our hands in the Great Workshop of the Eternal. It is ours to seize them, and to use them with the force of true manliness, strengthened by the consciousness that our cause is just.

"How appropriate and expressive the language of one of our Past Grand Commanders: 'Christian Knighthood obsolete, dead and buried! When Faith, Hope and Charity shall be obsolete; when Justice, fortitude and mercy shall be obsolete; when courtesy, magnanimity and valor shall be no longer approved or desired among men; when there shall be no longer a helpless orphan to protect, nor a destitute widow to comfort and sustain, nor an innocent maiden to defend against insult and wrong, nor one oppressed and downtrodden child of humanity to cheer and succor—then, and not till then, will Christian Knighthood be obsolete. However its rites and ceremonies, which are but external forms, may change with the ages, its principles are immutable, and so long as the Cross shall suggest to the Christian soul the precious name "Immanuel, God with us," so long will that sacred sign in which we conquer be emblazoned on our banners.'"

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal·
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment and not sorrow
Is our destined end or way—
But to act, that each to-morrow
Finds us farther than to-day.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb driven cattle—
Be a hero in the strife.

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead;
Act, act in the living present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints that perhaps another
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

Sir James H. Hopkins, for the Committee on Correspondence, presents an able review of the proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies, ours included. He presents a true picture of the amount of labor expended in preparing a report of this kind. We feelingly indorse his remarks:

"In preparing this report, we have performed a labor which none can appreciate but those who have undertaken a similar task. We have

sifted whole stacks of sheaves to reach and preserve the kernel. We have gone through over eight hundred pages of printed matter to cull what was interesting and instructive. We have sought to present an accurate and impartial analysis of the transactions of sister jurisdictions with our own views frankly and fully expressed.

"'What is writ—is writ:
Would it were worthier!'"

R. E. Sir Jeremiah L. Hutchinson was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Alfred Creigh Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

We do most sincerely hope another cycle will find the vexed question of antiquity disposed of. We must most cordially sympathize with that eminent and learned Mason, Sir Alfred Creigh, on the profitless task annually imposed on his good nature, to prove an impossibility. Massachusetts never will yield, and, you may rely, convince her as you will, be of the same opinion still. We admire the pluck of both; they argue well, and we rejoice that such an admirable good nature runs through their discussions.

A special Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held in the city of Philadelphia, on the 20th September, 1867, Sir J. L. Hutchinson, R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder, was convened, first, for the adoption of a uniformity of Ritual and Work throughout their jurisdiction; second, to hear the report of the committee on the circular prepared on the claims of the English Ritual, etc. These subjects are reported on at considerable length, and the claims of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, England, etc., discussed on the question of antiquity and originality, with much ability and research; but we do not see that any practical benefit would be derived by copying those profitless discussions.

In this place we sincerely return our thanks to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania for furnishing us the able and elaborate publication of their histriographer, Sir Alfred Creigh, on those subjects. It is really a book of great merit, and quite an acquisition to the searcher for Masonic light.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Commandery of this State commenced its Sixth Annual Conclave in the city of Nashville, on the 15th October, 1867, R. E. Sir John McClernand, Grand Commander, E. Sir Chas. A. Fuller, Grand Recorder. Six subordinates were represented, returning a roll of we

cannot say how many, since no statistics are given—an inexcusable omission, as we can form no correct opinion of the progress of the Order while kept uninformed. We find no address from the Grand Commander.

The Committee on Reports of Grand Officers find nothing calling for special attention at this Grand Conclave, but from the verbal report submitted by the R. E. Grand Commander, we congratulate our Companion Sir Knights on the prosperity and good will which exists among them throughout the jurisdiction. The tactics and drill prepared by Sir Orrin Welch, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, were adopted as the tactics and drill for the use of the Sir Knights of that jurisdiction.

The Grand Recorder reviews and extracts copiously from fourteen correspondents, including Michigan. Nothing of special interest.

Sir John Frizzell was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Charles A. Fuller Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Annual Assembly was opened in the city of Richmond, on the 13th December, 1867, R. E. Edward H. Gill, Grand Commander, and E. Sir John Dorr, Grand Recorder. Only five of the subordinates were represented, although the published lists of subordinate members in the jurisdiction numbers five hundred and seventy-seven.

We regret to see many Commanderies are entirely extinct, and others struggling for existence. This once flourishing jurisdiction lies almost prostrate—a sad effect of the late lamentable strife, which almost annihilated our beloved Order in some States. We trust, however, to witness a speedy recovery.

The Grand Commander's address offers words of cheer, and while lamenting their condition, is hopeful for the future.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have reviewed the proceedings of fourteen States, ours included. The remarks, or cullings, from all this mass, and in referring thereto, is compressed into the space of half a page, and merely rejoices that nothing is contained within which requires the use of their Masanic trowel—no, nothing.

The same officers were re-elected. We copy one small part of the R. Eminent's address, which paints their condition:

"I have nothing to communicate to you in relation to my official acts during the past year, requiring your particular attention. I sincerely

regret that a species of apathy, consequent, perhaps, upon the depressed condition of our "good old commonwealth," appears to pervade the Order within this jurisdiction, and that our members are not imbued with that zeal and ardor in the cause of Knighthood which formerly characterized their actions; but it is to be hoped that a brighter period is not far distant, and that the cloud which now envelopes us will ere long be dispelled, and that 'the brilliant rays of the rising sun shedding their lustre upon our banners will again animate and encourage our valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights' to press forward in the cause of 'Faith, Hope and Charity,' and 'Justice, Fortitude and Mercy.' In such a cause no true Sir Knight should falter, or be found recreant to his vows; but, on the contrary, it behooves him to keep his taper (that emblem of *faith*) trimmed and burning (and never to permit it to be extinguished), and to press onward, seeking the fulfillment of the Divine promise, that 'to him who is faithful to the end will be given a crown of life.'"

VERMONT.

The Grand Commandery of this State met in the city of Burlington, on the 11th June, 1867, R. E. Sir George M. Hall, Grand Commander, and E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder. The ring of the true metal pervades the very able and business-like address of the Grand Commander. He says:

"The solemn ceremonies of initiation to our Order should never, under any circumstances, be debased or abused by being associated with the base, the dishonorable, or even the thoughtless scoffer; but we should ever insist, as a requisite to admission among us, upon that high-souled *honor* and *truth* that characterized the Order in its earliest days. When we are thus careful of our honor and of our associations, Sir Knights, we may reasonably expect that true chivalry, as we understand it, will ever characterize the Order, and that to be a Knight Templar will be emphatically to be a gentleman."

Death has been busy in the ranks of our Vermont Sir Knights, having lost four ornaments to the principles of the Order within the year. We sincerely and cordially sympathize with them. No doubt, the recompense of reward is theirs. The warfare of life being o'er, henceforth there is (we confidently hope) "laid up for them a Crown of Glory which fadeth not away." The beautiful language of the Right Eminent is worthy of transfer:

"Thus we are reminded from time to time by the death knell of our beloved Companions, as one by one they are summoned to the Spirit World, that our stay on earth is but brief at the longest, that we are 'Pilgrims here, with no continuing city or abiding place, that ere long we shall all of us be called to the land of the hereafter. It certainly then becomes us as Templars to be faithful in the performance of every known duty, so that our transit from this to a higher and holier life, to that place that the world knows not of, and with a soul at ease, calmly reposing upon the promises of our Heavenly Master, we may repose upon the couch of Death as quietly and as trustfully as they who gather the drapery of their couch about them and lie down to pleasant dreams. 'Eternity! that pleasing, dreadful thought! Through what variety of untried being, through what new scenes and changes must we pass! The wide, the unbounded prospect lies before us!'"

Another extract, and for the present we part company with our distinguished frater:

"And finally, Sir Knights, as we proceed to transact the business that has called us together, let us for a moment glance at the condition of the Order throughout our land and common country. Through the kindness of the Grand Recorder, I have been favored with the printed proceedings of most of the Grand Commanderies within the United States, and from them I am happy to learn that prosperity generally attends them. These proceedings abound in subjects of general interest and importance, and will undoubtedly be submitted to you by your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is, perhaps, enough for me to say that harmony and good feeling prevail throughout the various jurisdictions. The fires upon the altars in some of the jurisdictions in the South have been re-lighted, and now burn with their accustomed brilliancy, shedding broadcast the bright rays of truth and virtue, that shall, ere long, let us hope, scatter, and *forever*, those dark clouds of *error and misunderstanding* which have in the past hung over us, threatening to destroy all that we had fondly hoped would be perpetual.

"Our Order in the South has suffered almost beyond all calculation by the rude blasts of war and carnage that so recently desolated its many households, taking often in their remorseless grasp the father, the brother, or the husband, and the cries for help come up ever and anon to our ears from those bereaved ones whose homes have been made a desolation by the fortunes of war. And shall they appeal to us

in vain, Sir Knights? Shall we, like the priest and the Levite, 'pass by on the other side?' Let us, rather, yield to those kindlier instincts of humanity, and extend to them our sympathy and love, and their 'children and children's children will rise up in the future and call us blessed.'"

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence survey most ably and elaborately the communications from nineteen Correspondents, including Michigan. We acknowledge the courteous and knightly remarks on our humble endeavors. This document, although quite lengthy, is well worthy of perusal.

We rejoice in the steadily increasing prosperity of Vermont. A carefully compiled table is published, showing that at the date of its compilation, 1866-67, there were then in the United States twenty-four Grand Commanderies, two hundred and thirty-four subordinates (two States not included), number of Templars (five States not included) thirteen thousand five hundred and eight, number knighted the last year (seven States not included) two thousand eight hundred and four. The above does not include subordinates holding Charters from the Grand Encampment.

R. E. Sir George M. Hall was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir John B. Hollenbeck re-elected Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

Furnishes one of the handsomest printed, most compactly compiled and valuable little pamphlets on our list. The Annual Conclave (Ninth) was held in the city of Milwaukee on the 1st January, 1868, R. E. Alvin B. Alden, Grand Commander, and E. Sir Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Recorder. Seven Commanderies represented, with a roll of five hundred and sixty-one members.

The R. E. addressed briefly and to the point. He superintends a peculiarly well regulated jurisdiction. He thus speaks:

"A thorough knowledge and intelligent appreciation by the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction of the Statutes and Regulations adopted for the government of our Order, and their cheerful compliance with the same, have tended to the preservation of that peace and harmony which have ever prevailed among us, and have rendered my official duties pleasant, agreeable, and by no means arduous."

He reports having visited six of the seven subordinates, and found a marked improvement in Ritual and Drill. During the year several

valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights have been stricken from the roll of earthly existence within their Asylum, and we tender our affectionate, cordial and knightly sympathy.

We quote from this address:

"By reference to the returns of the subordinate Commanderies, it is shown that Templar Masonry was never in a more prosperous condition in this jurisdiction than at the present time, provided that a rapid increase of membership is a sure indication of prosperity. But, in the language of the Grand Commander of Connecticut, 'The strength and value of our Institution, Sir Knights, depends not upon the numbers which crowd the doors of our Asylums, nor upon the golden streams which flow into our treasuries, but upon the spotless lives and characters of those who gather with us at the Holy Shrine, and pay heartfelt devotion to the great Emanuel.'

"I care not how numerous are the additions to our membership, provided such only are admitted as will ever be ready, to the extent of their ability, to 'distribute alms to poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar, to feed the hungry, succor the needy, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted,' and otherwise fully discharge the duties incumbent upon them as members of this valiant and magnanimous Order. I deem it my duty, however, again to admonish you of the importance of strictly guarding the avenues to our sacred Asylum, that none but 'good men and true' may be admitted to the honors and awards that await the valiant Templar."

The Committee on Correspondence ably review the proceedings of fifteen States, ours included, and their remarks thereon are exceedingly well tempered and appropriate. They fittingly close as follows:

"One cheering indication is noticeable in nearly all the jurisdictions. That is, a disposition to be more critical in passing upon the qualifications of applicants for the Orders of Knighthood. This is as it should be, for the measure of our influence for good as an Institution will be enhanced or diminished in proportion as the severe test of our noble Order is rigidly applied to those who seek a place in our sacred Asylums. And while we exhort vigilance in this direction, let none of us forget that what we require of others should not be wanting in ourselves; and that it only needs exemplary conduct and consistent knightly deportment to give lustre to the reputation of Chivalric Masonry in our day and generation."

The following resolution, introduced by Sir C. J. Pardee, will explain

itself, and in view of the disposition in our own jurisdiction to soar on the wings of ineffable, inexpressible, incomprehensible, mysterious mummies, far beyond the reach of ordinary mortal ken, we very respectfully and awfully dare to suggest that perhaps old-fashioned Free Masonry had better look to its time-honored laurels, else some of our peculiarly American inventions will annihilate time and space, and do the Herculean labor of accomplishing, as recently proposed, in one evening, nay, twenty minutes, the former work of years:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Commandery acknowledges and recognizes no Degrees of Masonry or Orders of Knighthood to be regular except those conferred by and under the authority of the following constituted authorities in the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to-wit:

"The Grand Encampment of the United States; the Grand Consistory; and the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States; Grand Councils of the R. and S. Masters, and the Grand Lodges of the several States.

"And any Knight holding to, or receiving, or having received any irregular degrees, under the assumed name of Masonry or Knighthood, particularly those known by the name of the 'Egyptian Masonry Rite of Memphis,' or the 'Ancient Primitive Rite of Memphis of Thirty-three Degrees,' shall be required to withdraw therefrom under pain of being expelled from all participation in any of the privileges contained in the provisions of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin; and no Council or Commandery shall be permitted to receive any candidate or visitor into their respective Bodies, who in any manner or in any wise, is concerned in or with such clandestine degrees."

Having turned the last leaf of Wisconsin, the "ultima thule" on this year's list of Correspondents, we look back with feelings of much satisfaction to the great progress made by the Order of Knighthood during the past year. The Banner of the Cross is rapidly unfurling through our vast domain, and keeps pace with civilization everywhere, itself a civilizer of no ordinary power. We have only to hope the material is well selected, and such as will add strength, not weakness, to the Masonic fabric, and confess we feel apprehensive on that score. Anxiety to swell unhealthily the numbers of the Order, inevitably leads to looseness in strictly scrutinizing every application, and with an ever watchful eye guarding the avenues. Committees, we regret to say, are

apt too carelessly to vouch for candidates, and the body of the organization take the word of the Committee. Now this should not be so. Recollect that in receiving a stranger among the Workmen, you take the initiatory step (if he is unworthy) not only to weaken the whole social fabric of Masonry, but especially to disorganize and breed trouble and disturbance, and not unfrequently to bring disgrace on the particular organization. The public view us on the side exhibited to their view, and as necessarily they are debarred from seeing a recompensing and overreaching good to balance an exposed and often unexplainable evil, we should so conduct our life and conversation that they may be void of offense toward God and toward man.

Again, think of the great difficulty of getting rid (once in) of one unworthy or vicious member. Charges and specifications must be made, and those charges and specifications must be proved by credible and competent witnesses. The sympathy of the brethren (always with the accused) must be overcome, and the effect of placing the stain of expulsion on one of our number, must be weighed accurately before we drive him forth as an outcast to buffet the cold scorn and sneers of an uncharitable world. All these matters and consequences should be and are taken into account by Masons, and charity, that great vital principle of our Order, often influences the withholding or staying the otherwise correct, impartial uplifted hand of Justice. How vitally important it is, then, while perfectly easy and innocuous, to prevent and avoid all those things. Admit none but those who, after careful searching, diligent and mature scrutiny, we are satisfied will not only strengthen our Temple, but be an ornament thereto. Apply the crucible to all material; select the fine gold, reject the great mass, the dross, those who, from motives of curiosity, self aggrandizement, or other unworthy object, seek admission. Allow none to enter our Sanctum Sanctorum whom we would not desire in our private life to associate with and receive into our confidential home and social circle. This is a sound test. Apply it. We speak from twenty-five years' experience, and know what we are talking about.

Again, and finally, we repeat, guard well the avenues and approaches; use your privilege (the Sacred Ballot) freely, without fear and without favor.

Respectfully reported.

For the committee.

OLIVER BOURKE.

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OF THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1869.

The Thirteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, was held in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on Tuesday, 1st day of June, 1869, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir J. H. ARMSTRONG, R. E. Grand Commander.
THERON A. FLOWER, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
A. G. HIBBARD, E. Grand Generalissimo.
J. L. MITCHELL, E. Grand Captain General.
Rev. WM. STOWE, E. Grand Prelate.
DAVID BOVEE, E. Grand Senior Warden.
L. C. STARKEY, E. Grand Junior Warden.
W. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
OLIVER BOURKE, E. Grand Recorder.
JNO. GOLDSMITH, JR., E. Grand Standard Bearer.
CARLOS G. CURTISS, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
HENRY RUTTER, E. Grand Warder.
WM. V. GRIFFITH, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

Many of the Past Eminent Commanders and other officers of this and other States were present, and several visiting Sir Knights.

The Grand Commandery of Michigan was opened in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM by the Right Eminent and other officers, an impressive

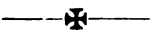
prayer for Divine guidance and protection having been offered to the Throne of Grace by the Eminent Grand Chaplain, for wisdom to guide our deliberations, strength to support us in adversity and in prosperity, and the beauty of holiness to the Lord and devotion to His service to adorn our lives and conversation.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, copies having been circulated to all the subordinate Commanderies, Grand Officers and others, and the Recorder having, in addition, a sufficient number on his desk for use of delegates at this meeting.

The Grand Recorder reported that a constitutional number of Commanderies were represented and their delegates in attendance, when the order of business was taken up and a preliminary resolution, offered by Sir Knight John Clark, was unanimously adopted, that all Sir Knights in good standing be invited to attend and take seats during the session of this Grand Body, and assist by their counsel in our deliberations for the good of the Order.

The Right Eminent then appointed the following Sir Knights a Committee of Credentials, and requested they would report to-morrow morning, namely: Sir Knights L. B. Atwater, G. B. Noble and A. T. Metcalf.

The Grand Commandery was called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.



WEDNESDAY, June 2—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. E. called the Grand Commandery to labor, at the hour appointed. The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which, on motion of Sir Knight Mitchell, was accepted and adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following as members of this Grand Commandery, and representatives of their respective bodies.

GRAND OFFICERS—

J. H. Armstrong, R. E. G. C.

Theron A. Flower, V. E. D. G. C.

A. G. Hibbard, E. G. G.

J. L. Mitchell, E. G. C. G.

Rev. Wm. B. Stowe, E. G. P.

David Bovee, E. G. S. W.

L. C. Starkey, E. G. J. W.

W. Barclay, E. G. T.

Oliver Bourke, E. G. R.

John Goldsmith, Jr., E. G. Standard B.

Carlos G. Curtiss, E. G. Sword B.

Henry Rutter, E. G. W.

Wm. V. Griffith, E. G. C. of G.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS--

John Gilbert.

John Clark.

N. P. Jacobs.

L. R. Atwater.

Benj. Porter.

G. B. Noble.

S. L. Dart.

Frank Darrow.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, NO. 1--

J. A. Barns, E. C.

J. P. Fiske, G.

E. I. Garfield, C. G.

D. B. Nichols, P. E. C.

T. H. Armstrong, P. E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, NO. 2 -

A. B. Cudworth, proxy for E. C.

J. P. Foster, proxy for G.

H. M. Look, proxy for C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, NO. 3—

J. T. Hayden, E. C.

R. A. Everett, G.

C. H. Putnam, C. G.

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, NO. 4—

J. W. Finch, proxy for E. C.

R. A. Bury, G.

O. F. Gregory, C. G.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, NO. 5—

J. Cogshall, proxy for E. C., G. and C G

PORT HURON COMMANDERY, No. 7—

Edgar White, E. C.

E. W. Harris, G.

John Miller, C. G.

PENINSULAR COMMANDERY, No. 8—

A. T. Metcalf, E. C.

Frank Henderson, G., and proxy for C. G.

JACKSON COMMANDERY, No. 9—

H. S. Knapp, G.

D. W. Shaw, proxy for E. C. and C. G.

JACOBS COMMANDERY, No. 10—

R. H. Drake, proxy for E. C.

IONIA COMMANDERY, No. 11—

James H. Kidd, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

NILES COMMANDERY, No. 12—

J. B. Fitzgerald, proxy for E. C.

ANN ARBOR COMMANDERY, No. 13—

T. F. Hill, proxy for E. C. and C. G.

R. J. Price, proxy for G.

FENTON COMMANDERY, No. 14—

E. M. Stevens, proxy for E. C.

GENESEE VALLEY COMMANDERY, No. 15—

S. C. Randall, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, No. 16—

Irving M. Smith, E. C., and proxy for G.

W. H. Barse, C. G.

MARSHALL COMMANDERY, No. 17—

Edward S. Brunson, E. C.

J. H. Wells, G.

J. B. Warner, C. G.

COLUMBIA COMMANDERY, No. 18—

R. H. Morrison, C.

Z. H. Wallace, G.

S. Knowlton, C. G.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 19—

H. Shaw Noble, C.

G. R. Hurd, G.

J. Waltman, C. G.

R. J. Sanford, P. E. C.

JOHN CLARK COMMANDERY, No. 20—

R. H. Jenks, proxy for C.

COBUNNA COMMANDERY, No. 21—

H. McCurdy, E. C.

D. Bush, G.

M. Carlan, C.

MUSKEGON COMMANDERY, No. 22—

C. T. Hills, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

L. R. ATWATER,
G. B. NOBLE,
A. T. METCALF,
Committee.

The R. E. appointed the following standing committees during this session of the Grand Commandery, viz:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

J. T. Hayden, A. T. Metcalf, J. Cogshall.

ON FINANCE—

J. P. Fiske, Edgar White, R. H. Drake.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

J. W. French, E. M. Stevens, J. H. Kidd.

ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE—

H. McCurdy, Jerome B. Fitzgerald, H. Shaw Noble.

ON RETURNS—

J. M. Smith, S. C. Randall, R. H. Morrison.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

Grand Recorder and John Clark.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander read his annual address, as follows:

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Michigan:

Again are we permitted to meet in Annual Conclave, and deliberate upon the important interests of Knighthood within this grand jurisdiction.

Whatever may have been the joys or the sorrows, the pleasures or disappointments of each since we last met, here, at least, peace and harmony are shedding their genial influences upon us.

Then how meet that here, around our common altar, we should bow in profound humility, and lift the heart in earnest supplication to Him who so kindly preserves and blesses us as an Order.

We, Sir Knights, are bound together not only by the sacred vows of Knighthood, but by every noble aspiration of the human heart, by every precept of that Christianity for the defense of which our lives are solemnly pledged, and if we stand shoulder to shoulder, with unbroken ranks, the strong right hand of each grasping ever the mystic blade of truth, and wielding it with justice impartial in defense of helpless orphans, destitute widows, and the Christian religion, we may rely upon the continued favor and protection of our blessed Immanuel.

The Order of Knights Templar has witnessed the rise and fall of many nations, and has dispensed its beneficent influences upon the lives of many generations of men. In its original purity of character and dignity of purpose, it is to-day our rich heritage. Let us not, then, show ourselves, Sir Knights, unworthy of this sacred trust, but realize ever the responsible position we occupy as the present depositories of this noble Order within this grand jurisdiction.

If there be one among us who has grown careless of his knightly duties, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming the Christian Knight, let him retire to the lone chamber of reflection, ponder well his faults, resolve upon a tour of penance, and a final triumph over all those obstacles that beset the path of the weary pilgrim journeying toward the goal of Christian light and knowledge.

Anciently our Order acquired its renown at the point of the sword; was in fact, as well as in theory, a military institution. But while the ancient Knights were eager to perfect themselves in military tactics, the moral drill was not forgotten. It is difficult to reconcile our idea of an ancient Knight with that of intemperance, profanity, or any other vice. To enfeeble his strong right arm by the use of intoxicating draughts, or to utter the name of Deity with irreverent lips, would have been to prove false to his high trust; and should the Sir Knight

of to-day be less pure and noble, while his duties and obligations remain the same?

He is the worthy Sir Knight who feels the highest reverence for God, with whom every manly virtue becomes a part of Knightly honor, whose mind is never swayed by considerations of fear or personal advantage, and who is ever ready to draw his sword in defense of that cause to which it has been so solemnly dedicated.

It is my happy privilege to announce a state of prosperity more advanced and confirmed throughout our jurisdiction than we have enjoyed in any previous year. And it is gratifying to know that this prosperity is attributable to the vigorous efforts of the Sir Knights themselves, perpetually renewing the life and spirit of our solemn ceremonies within our Asylums, where friendships are being nourished to endure through life, and, may we not hope, Sir Knights, throughout a blissful eternity?

We have but one thing to fear, and that is a too rapid increase of members. It is not quantity, but *quality*, that should govern us in selecting material for our noble Order, and none but the worthy children of humility should ever be allowed to assume the vows of Knighthood.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Commandery, it becomes my duty on this occasion to make a report of my official acts. The four Commanderies which received charters at our last Grand Conclave have been constituted, and their officers duly installed by the following distinguished and eminent Sir Knights, acting as my proxies:

Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, at Muskegon, on the 7th day of July last, by Sir Knight L. R. Atwater, R. E. P. G. C.

Corunna Commandery, No. 21, at Corunna, on the 4th day of September last, by Sir Knight T. A. Flower, our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

Monroe Commandery, No. 19, at Monroe, on the 27th day of October, by Sir Knight D. Burnham Tracy, E. C.

John Clark Commandery, No. 20, located at St. Clair, on the 11th day of December, by Sir Knight Edgar White, E. C., of St. Clair Commandery, No. 7, located at Port Huron.

I have, during the year, granted dispensations for three new Commanderies, upon proper petitions, signed by the constitutional number of Sir Knights, and duly recommended, to-wit:

October 29, for Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23, located at Big Rapids, Mecosta county—Sir W. Irving Latimer, E. C.; Sir Charles Gay, G.; Sir A. C. Fuller, C. G.

December 26, for St. Johns Commandery, No. 24, located at St. Johns, Clinton county—Sir Oliver L. Spalding, E. C.; Sir Robert M. Farlin, G.; Sir Andrew J. Wiggins, C. G.

January 25, for Lansing Commandery, No. 25, located at Lansing, Ingham county—Sir Alfred Bixby, E. C.; Sir Wm. H. Chapman, G.; Sir Geo. W. Chandler, C. G.

These dispensations are returnable at this Annual Conclave, and doubtless these Commanderies will each apply to you for a charter.

Should you find their records satisfactory, I would recommend that charters be granted.

For good and sufficient reasons, duly set forth, I granted a special dispensation to Detroit Commandery, No. 1, authorizing them to receive a petition and confer the Orders of Knighthood at a special Conclave, on the 16th of April last.

On the 20th of November I visited Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, located at Kalamazoo, having been invited to participate in the festivities attendant upon taking formal possession of their new and splendid hall. Here I had the pleasure of meeting with the Sir Knights of Jackson, Niles, Sturgis and Marshall.

Peninsular Commandery demonstrated fully on this occasion their interest in Templar Masonry, and their untiring energy in perfecting themselves in the Work, drill and discipline of the Order. The Sir Knights of this Commandery are as hospitable as they are valiant; this the banquet at the Burdick House, a right royal one, fully testified. Their E. C., Sir A. T. Metcalf, was the presiding genius of the occasion, and, doubtless, the great prosperity of this noble Commandery is due, in no small measure, to the wise counsels and indefatigable labor of this truly courteous Knight and excellent officer.

Still, the best workman erects but an imperfect edifice, unless furnished with good material, and it is but just to say that the material comprising Peninsular Commandery is as perfect as ever passed the Square of the Grand Overseers. Detroit Commandery, No. 1, must look well to its laurels, if it would maintain its enviable reputation as the banner Commandery of the State.

On the 5th of March I visited Adrian Commandery, No. 4, W. F. King, E. C., and found it in a very prosperous condition. The spirit of

the ancient Templars seems inciting the Sir Knights of this Commandery to those deeds of high moral daring by which the pilgrim warrior demonstrates his courage and constancy.

I have made two visits to Columbia Commandery, No. 18. The Sir Knights of this Commandery show themselves well skilled in the Work and drill, are ably officered, splendidly uniformed, and are guarding the interests of Knighthood in a manner highly creditable to themselves and profitable to the Order.

On the 12th day of March I visited, by invitation, Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and installed its officers, assisted by Sir Thos. H. Armstrong, P. E. C. of said Commandery. This occasion was one of particular interest and pleasure, in consequence of the presence of a large number of ladies, the wives and daughters of the Sir Knights, who had been invited to witness the installation ceremonies, and participate in the enjoyment of the sumptuous banquet which followed. The arrangements for the transaction of the business of the evening, as well as for the entertainment of their numerous guests, had been most perfectly made by the Sir Knights, whose hospitality is equaled only by their courtesy.

On the 23d of April I again visited this Commandery. Too much cannot be said in honor of its very efficient officers, and the superior manner in which they perform their various duties. Their E. C., John A. Barns, exhibited great skill in the work, and under the direction of this noble Sir Knight, Detroit Commandery, No. 1, will lose none of its laurels.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances have prevented my visiting all the Commanderies of this jurisdiction, but I am advised that they are in a prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony dwells within our borders.

Even Lansing Commandery, No. 25, U. D., the infant Commandery of the State, scarce six months of age, has struggled out of its swaddling clothes, and invested its vigorous limbs with the full uniform of its adult relatives. What may we not expect of this precocious youth?

There is not, Sir Knights, that perfect uniformity of drill throughout our jurisdiction that is desirable, and I would most respectfully recommend that suitable provision be made whereby it shall become the duty of some experienced and well informed Sir Knight to visit each Commandery, at least once in each year, and give instruction in the work and drill.

I would also suggest that great benefit might be derived from a State Field Encampment, meeting once in each year, and where all the subordinate Commanderies, or their representatives, might spend a week drill and review.

These measures would, I think, secure the uniformity of drill so much needed. The field encampment would afford the Sir Knights of sections of the State remote from each other, an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted, and would not only be profitable, but festive occasions long to be remembered with pleasure by those who participated in them.

If these suggestions are deemed worthy of your consideration, it might be well to mature some plan whereby they may be brought to a practical test.

Through the courtesy of our Eminent Grand Recorder, I have had the pleasure of perusing the proceedings of twenty sister Grand Commanderies. The fire of Templar Masonry has been rekindled upon our sacred altars in grand jurisdictions where, but a few years since, embers scarce were visible, and now the cheering tidings of prosperity and fraternal greeting come from our beloved fraters from every section of the Union. Your very able Committee on Foreign Correspondence will doubtless extract much from these reports that will be instructive and interesting to the student of Templar Masonry.

As one of my official duties, I attended the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which met in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 15th of September last. Unfortunately, our State Fair was held at the same time with the Triennial Conclave, and thus many Sir Knights who would otherwise have been in attendance, were compelled to deny themselves that pleasure. Our jurisdiction was not, therefore, as fully represented as we could have desired. Sir T. A. Flower, our V. E. D. G. C., Sir A. B. Cudworth, proxy for A. G. Hibbard, E. G. G., Sir S. C. Coffinbury, proxy for J. L. Mitchell, E. G. C. G., constituted, with myself, the delegation from this jurisdiction.

On arriving at Chicago, we were warmly welcomed by the Sir Knights of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, whose Knightly courtesy rendered our brief stay in their flourishing city an exceedingly pleasant one, and the journey from Chicago to St. Louis truly enjoyable.

We wish also to acknowledge the individual attentions of that distinguished and eminent Sir Knight, Vincent L. Hurlbut, then Grand

Commander of Illinois, whose exalted position testified that his merits were appreciated.

Twenty-six Grand Commanderies were represented in the Grand Encampment, besides a large number of subordinate Commanderies working under the immediate authority and direction of the Grand Encampment. The number of Sir Knights in attendance was estimated at about three thousand. The complete harmony of the Order and uniformity of the work throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, rendered the business to be transacted by that Grand Body comparatively light, and there is little of general interest to report. You have already learned of the election of Sir Knight Wm. S. Gardner, of Massachusetts, as Most Eminent Grand Master, who is distinguished not only for Masonic wisdom, but for his great literary ability.

The occasion of the Triennial Conclave seemed less a meeting of representatives for the purposes of legislation, than a grand Masonic festival. The meetings of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and of the Southern Supreme Council (33°), were held at the same time with the Grand Encampment, thus creating a general interest throughout the different Masonic Orders of the nation; and I think every one present on that occasion, must have felt a new respect for our glorious Order, and realized its universality and harmonizing nature more fully than ever before. It was, indeed, a pleasing as well as imposing spectacle, when the valiant Knights of North and South, of East and West, were formed into one grand moving column, with flashing sword and nodding plume, and the bright rays of the rising sun shedding their lustre upon the banners of our Order, everywhere displaying "the sign by which we conquer," and which, despite the barriers of distance and the waves of sectional feeling and party strife, unites the hearts and hands of the Templars of the United States, from Minnesota to Texas, from Maine to California.

It would be impossible for me to give any adequate description of the magnificent manner in which the Sir Knights of Missouri entertained their numerous guests. The hospitalities of the rich and beautiful city of St. Louis were tendered the different Masonic bodies by the Common Council. There were enthusiastic shouts of greeting from the throngs of spectators, and fair ladies in vast numbers waved their handkerchiefs in welcome.

On the evening of the 15th, a superb banquet was given by the Grand

Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri, which will not soon be forgotten by those who participated in the festivities of the occasion, and which, in grandeur and magnificence, would have compared favorably with that of the King of Persia to which he invited his princes and nobles.

But of all the interesting features of this great Masonic gathering, the steamboat excursion and banquet were the most grand and imposing, and therefore the most difficult to describe.

In our school-boy days we read with wonder and delight of Cleopatra sailing up the Cydmus, her graceful galley decked with gems of richest hue, and flowers whose sweet perfume was wafted to either shore, while music floated forth to greet the bright waves, and be lost in distant echoing cadences; and we lingered long over the details of the sumptuous feast, embracing all that could delight the eye or satisfy the most fastidious taste, where grace and beauty, nature and art, combined to render the participators oblivious to aught except the delightful present.

But could Cleopatra have stood on the flower-crowned deck of the "Lady Gay," the "Mississippi" or the "Belle of Alton," could she have tasted this banquet, such as a monarch might covet, and listened to the music swelling grand and thrilling, she would have acknowledged her ruse to capture the proud Anthony as much inferior to this gorgeous pageant as the brook Cydmus is inferior to the majestic "Father of Waters."

Much of the enjoyment attendant upon this great Templar festival was due to the labor of Sir Knights George Frank Gouley, then Grand Commander of Missouri, and James F. Agler, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, than whom two more courteous and noble Sir Knights never handled a Templar's sword. The superior manner in which they performed their duties, which must have been very arduous, proves them gentlemen of superior executive ability.

And now, Sir Knights, thanking you most gratefully and cordially for your cheerful compliance with all the requirements of our laws, and for your alacrity in the performance of every duty that has been imposed upon you during the year that is past, as well as for the high honor you have conferred upon me, I beg to return to your hands the authority with which I was so generously invested. I may have fulfilled my noble trust imperfectly, but any errors I may have committed have been errors of the head and not of the heart.

Fully conscious, as I am, that this Grand Commandery contains many noble Sir Knights whose distinguished literary ability renders them far

more competent than myself to occupy this exalted station, I can attribute my present position to nothing else than your generous belief that whatever my abilities might be, I would endeavor to employ them in guarding zealously the interests of our noble Order. I cannot, therefore, but consider that I have been doubly honored, and should be doubly grateful. As I step aside, that one worthier and more competent may occupy my place, I feel that I am justified in the hope that my own deficiencies will be forgotten in the interest and majesty of the great principles of which I have for a time been placed as the representative and guardian.

May the magnanimous Order of Templar Masonry continue to prosper within this Grand Jurisdiction, and every Sir Knight stand firm at his post—a sentinel on the towers. Having drawn our swords in the name of Immanuel, and planted our banners in sight of the whole world, may we be imbued with the spirit of that religion we are sworn to defend, and chivalrously devoted to truth, virtue and honor. Then shall we be recognized and hailed as victorious Knights.

While we congratulate ourselves that as we travel on the highway of humanity, we meet with pleasanter associations and with hours of refreshment more delightful than strangers to our Asylums can hope to enjoy, let us endeavor so to conduct ourselves that society, our country and our Creator shall bless our noble Institution, as having set to the world a glorious example of courage, magnanimity and Christian virtue.

JOHN H. ARMSTRONG,
Grand Commander.

On motion of Sir Knight Oliver Bourke, the address was referred to a special committee of three to apportion, and Sir Knights Atwater, H. M. Look and A. J. Sawyer were appointed such committee.

Sir Knight Cudworth moved that the R. E. Commander appoint a special committee to investigate the petition of members of Romeo Commandery, asking for a restoration of their charter, which was adopted, and Sir Knights John Clark, L. C. Starkey and John Barns appointed such committee.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, that the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Body governing subordinates, be amended by striking out "one dollar" from Art. 7.

Sir Knight A. G. Hibbard offered an amendment to insert in said

Art. 7, the words "not less than" before one dollar, on the first line of said Art. 7, which was adopted.

Sir Knight Noble moved that the officers and delegates to this Grand Commandery be paid $3.00 per diem and ten cents per mile, one way, for this session of the Grand Body. Adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Atwater, it was resolved that the election of officers for the ensuing year be the special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Sir Knight Rev. Wm. B. Stowe, the following communication was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

At a regular Conclave of Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, held at Masonic Hall, May 21, 1869, the following resolution was made and carried:

Resolved, That the Eminent Commander be authorized to apply to the Grand Commandery for permission to hold Conclaves at Lexington, Sanilac county, for the purpose of conferring the Orders of Knighthood upon candidates residing in that vicinity.

HENRY C. HOPE,
Recorder.

EDGAR WHITE,
E. Commander.

Sir Knight Cudworth moved that the dues of Fenton Commandery, No. 14, to this Grand Commandery be remitted, their property and effects having been lost by fire, which was adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Atwater—

Resolved, That Commanderies under dispensation have permission to vote at the election for Grand Officers, same as chartered Commanderies.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would beg leave to report that, having examined the by-laws and records of Pilgrim Commandery, U. D., they would recommend that a charter be granted to the Sir Knights of said Commandery, to be known and designated as Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23.

Your committee would report further that they have examined the by-laws and records of St. Johns Commandery, U. D., and find them correct, and would recommend that a charter be granted, to be known as St. Johns Commandery, No. 24.

Your committee would further report that they have examined the by-laws and records of Lansing Commandery, U. D., and find them correct, and recommend that a charter be granted, to be known as Lansing Commandery, No. 25.

JAS. T. HAYDEN,
A. T. METCALF,
J. COGSHALL.

Sir Knight Hibbard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, To amend Sec. 4 of the statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and appendant Orders of the State of Michigan, by striking out the word June and inserting May, and substituting seven for six o'clock in Sec. 4 of Art. 1 of said Constitution.

Which was laid over, under the rules, to the next regular Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

The Committee on the address of the R. E. Grand Commander made the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the annual address of the R. E. Grand Commander for apportionment, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have apportioned and referred the same, as follows:

The portion relating to charters and dispensations, to the standing Committee on Dispensations.

That portion relating to perfection of the Work and securing uniformity of drill, to be referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed forthwith, and to report at the present session of this Grand Body.

That portion relating to annual field encampments, to be referred to a like special committee of three, to be appointed forthwith, and to report at the present session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. R. ATWATER,
H. M. LOOK,
A. J. SAWYER
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted, and the following committees appointed:

ON WORK AND DRILL—

Look, Garfield and Sawyer.

ON FIELD ENCAMPMENT—

Jenks, Bovee and Henderson.

The Special Committee, to whom the subject of Work and Drill was referred, made their report as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the annual address of the R. E. Grand Commander relating to the perfecting of the work and drill in the several subordinate Commanderies of this State, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and hereby recommend that the work in the several subordinate Commanderies shall be specially in charge of the R. E. Grand Commander, whose duty it shall be to visit and lecture all subordinate Commanderies within this Grand Jurisdiction in the established Work pertaining to Templar Masonry, who may make application to him therefor.

That the *Drill* in said subordinate Commanderies shall be specially in charge of the E. Grand Captain General, whose duty it shall be to visit and instruct all subordinate Commanderies within this Grand Jurisdiction in the same, who may make application to him therefor.

That the expenses of both of said officers, while engaged in the duties aforesaid, shall be borne by the several Commanderies so visited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. M. LOOK,
E. I. GARFIELD,
A. J. SAWYER.
Committee.

Which, on motion, was accepted and adopted, and, on motion of Sir Knight Armstrong, the committee appointed to compile a uniform drill for use of all the subordinates in this jurisdiction was continued, and directed to report at the next Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery; said committee to consist of Sir Knights E. I. Garfield, S. S. Mathews and Charles H. Brown.

The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer made the following as their statement of moneys received and disbursed, showing the present financial condition of the Grand Commandery:

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN,

In account with OLIVER BOURKE, Grand Recorder.

1868—June 2.	E. A. Barnes, 1	$ 6 00
	A. B. Cudworth, 2	8 60
	Jos. T. Hayden, 3	16 60
	S. B. Smith, 4	13 50
	L. H. Randall, 5	22 00

1868—June 2.	E. White, 6	12 40
	A. T. Metcalf, 7	20 30
	A. W. Shaw, 8	13 60
	O. C. Graham, 9	19 00
	N. B. Thomas, 10	18 60
	Thos. G. Beaver, 11	25 50
	S. M. Webster, 12	10 00
	E. M. Stevens, 13	11 20
	S. C. Randall, 14	13 00
	S. M. Smith, 15	16 00
	S. B. Smith, 16	16 80
	W. A. Kent, 17	21 50
	W. Stowe, 18	12 40
	P. H. Taylor	18 60
	W. F. King	13 50
	J. Clarke	12 40
	L. R. Atwater	22 00
	Benj. Porter	13 60
	J. Goldsmith	13 60
	J. L. Mitchell	13 60
	C. J. Kruger	22 00
	L. C. Starkey	20 30
	D. Boyer	13 00
	J. H. Armstrong	17 00
	W. V. Griffith	15 00
June 6.	G. B. Noble	6 00
	J. G. Cobb, for copying Work	75 00
July 2.	Richmond & Backus	5 00
17.	Free Press, printing Charters	20 00
1869—Jan. 29.	J. G. Cobb, copying Work	25 00
May 18.	A. Wanless, binding	1 00
22.	A. Wanless, binding	2 00
28.	Free Press, printing proceedings	180 00
	Grand Recorder, as voted	75 00
	Monroe Chapter	5 00
	Postage and stationery (12 months)	20 00
	J. B. Bampton, copying work	20 00
June 1.	Grand Treasurer	298 40
		$1,204 00

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1868—June 2.	Detroit Commandery, No. 1	$ 102 00	
	Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	88 50	
	Eureka Commandery, No. 3	57 50	
	Adrian Commandery, No. 4	53 00	
	De Molai Commandery, No. 5	48 50	
	St. Clair Commandery, No. 7	71 00	
	Peninsular Commandery, No. 8	77 50	
	Jackson Commandery, No. 9	76 50	
	Jacobs Commandery, No. 10	42 50	
	Ionia Commandery, No. 11	24 00	
	Niles Commandery, No. 12	22 50	
	Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13	26 50	
	Fenton Commandery, No. 14	12 50	
	Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15	22 00	
	St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16	31 50	
	Marshall Commandery, No. 17	51 50	
	Columbia Commandery, No. 18	57 50	
13.	Dues from W. W. Gray	6 00	
	Dues from H. Dowd	5 00	
July 21.	Dues from R. Sheridan	6 00	
Aug. 5.	Dues from W. P. Beach	6 00	
25.	Dues from Abner Palmer	6 00	
Oct. 29.	Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23, Dispensation	100 00	
Dec. 26.	St. Johns Commandery, No. 24, Dispensation	100 00	
1869—Jan. 25.	Lansing Commandery, No. 25, Dispensation	100 00	
Mar. 8.	Lansing Commandery, for copy of Work	10 00	
			$1,204 00

O. BOURKE,

June 1, 1869. *Grand Recorder.*

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM BARCLAY, Grand Treasurer,

In account with Grand Commandery.

		Dr.
1868—June 2.	To cash on hand	$650 10
1869—June 1.	To cash from Grand Recorder	298 40
		$948 50
		Cr.
1869—June 1.	By balance carried down	$948 50

W. BARCLAY,

June 1, 1869. *Grand Treasurer.*

Which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance, who, after examining the same with the vouchers, reported thereon as follows:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom the reports of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer were referred, have examined the same and found them correct as reported, showing a cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $948.50 at date of report.

JOHN P. FISKE,
EDGAR WHITE,
R. H. DRAKE,
Committee.

Which was accepted and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Field Encampment made the following report, which on motion was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of Field Encampment, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the R. E. Grand Commander be requested to hold an Encampment at such time and place as may be deemed advisable by this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully,
ROBERT H. JENKS,
D. BOVEE,
FRANK HENDERSON,
Committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Sir Knights of Romeo Commandery, No. 6, to have their charter restored, beg leave to offer the following report:

Adverse to the restoration of said charter, as your committee have had no new facts placed before them to alter the decisions before given in this Grand Body.

JOHN CLARK,
JOHN A. BARNS,
L. C. STARKEY,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted, and on being placed on the order for adoption, after debate on the merits of the question by several Sir

Knights, the report was not adopted, when Sir G. B. Noble offered the following as a substitute for said report:

Resolved, That the charter of the late Romeo Commandery, No. 6, be restored to the officers and members thereof, upon payment to this Grand Body of fifty dollars in full therefor, and the last officers of said Romeo Commandery, No. 6, are authorized by this resolution to hold an election for officers at the first meeting after receiving their charter.

Which was adopted.

Sir Knight A. J. Sawyer presented a petition from members of Monroe Commandery, No. 9, to have the sum of one hundred dollars, paid the Grand Commandery recently for a charter, refunded; because the same parties had already paid for the original charter, now claimed by Adrian Commandery, No. 4.

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee, consisting of Sir Knights J. H. Armstrong, John Clark and L. R. Atwater.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery:

Your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of Port Huron Commandery asking this Grand Commandery to authorize it to hold Conclaves at Lexington, in Sanilac county, for the purpose of conferring the Orders of Knighthood upon candidates residing in the vicinity of Lexington, beg leave to report:

That, after hearing the Eminent Commander of Port Huron Commandery in favor of said resolution, and having fully considered said resolution, your committee are of the opinion that to grant said request would be utterly subversive to the law of Templar Jurisprudence, and would be establishing a dangerous precedent, detrimental to the true development of Templar Masonry, which should not be recognized.

It seems to your committee entirely unnecessary to give reasons for this conclusion, as they must be apparent to all that to allow a Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood at a different place than specified in the charter establishing it, is a complete change of jurisdiction, and giving a roving commission never contemplated or intended by the charter creating the Commandery.

Would it not also be doing the Sir Knights residing in Lexington and vicinity a great injustice to allow Port Huron Commandery to hold Conclaves in their midst, at pleasure, and work up all, or nearly all, the Knight Templar material in that

vicinity, and then leave them to establish a Commandery and struggle into existence the best they may?

For these and other reasons, your committee would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application of Port Huron Commandery to hold Conclaves at Lexington, in Sanilac county, be and the same is hereby denied.

HUGH McCURDY,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
J. B. FITZGERALD,
Committee.

On motion, the R. E. Grand Commander called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 2, A. D. 1868—2 P. M.

The Grand Commandery resumed labor at 2 o'clock, when, the special order being that we now proceed to the election of officers of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year, tellers were appointed, and on ballot the following officers declared duly elected:

Sir Theron A. Flower, Pontiac, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir J. L. Mitchell, Jackson, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir D. Bovee, Coldwater, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir L. C. Starkey, Kalamazoo, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir J. Cogshall, Ionia, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir John Goldsmith, Jr., Jackson, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Carlos G. Curtis, Detroit, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. G. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir O. Bourke, Detroit, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir Irving M. Smith, East Saginaw, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir S. C. Randall, Flint, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir E. M. Stevens, Fenton, E. Grand Warder.
Sir W. V. Griffith, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The officers elect having formed in line, were presented by the Grand Marshal, duly installed, and took their several posts in the Grand Commandery.

On motion of Sir Knight A. B. Cudworth,

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery pay the Right Eminent and Deputy Grand Commanders seventy-five dollars each for expenses incurred while in attendance at the session of the Grand Encampment in St. Louis, last September. Adopted, and the Recorder was directed to pay the same and take receipts therefor.

Sir Knight A. J. Sawyer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is not lawful to install the officers of a Commandery upon any other days than those specified in the Constitution and Statutes, without special dispensation.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

Sir Knight Atwater offered the following resolutions, and moved their adoption:

That the Grand Recorder be paid $75 for services, W. V. Griffith $15 for tiling, and Monroe Chapter $10, for use of room and gas consumed. Also, that the Grand Recorder publish and distribute the necessary number of those proceedings; and that the Eminent Commanders of Commanderies chartered at this Conclave are authorized to hold a meeting for election of officers any time they select, after receiving their charters.

All of which resolutions were adopted nnanimously.

The Committee on Returns made the following report:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of Michigan:

We, your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the examination of the several returns made by the subordinate Commanderies in this jurisdiction, would respectfully submit the following: We have examined said reports, and find—

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, short $2.50.

Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, correct.

Eureka Commandery, No. 3, overpaid 50 cents.

Adrian Commandery, No. 4, correct.

MeMolai Commandery, No, 5, short $4.

Romeo Commandery, No. 6, no returns.

Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, overpaid 50 cents.

Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, short $1.

Jackson Commandery, No. 9, correct.

Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, correct.

Ionia Commandery, No. 11, correct,

Niles Commandery, No. 12, short $1.

Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, overpaid 50 cents.

Fenton Commandery, No. 14, short 50 cents.

Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, correct.

St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16, correct.

Marshall Commandery, No. 17, correct.

Columbia Commandery, No. 18, correct.

Monroe Commandery, No. 19, correct.

John Clark Commandery, No. 20, correct.

Corunna Commandery, No. 21, correct.

Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, overpaid $4.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IRVING M. SMITH,
S. C. RANDALL,
R. HENRY MORRISON,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted, except the return of De Molai, No. 5, with respect to which the question as to whether this Commandery should pay dues for eight of its members who have joined Big Rapids Commandery, U. D., was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The errors of overpayments and short payments of dues were adjusted by order of the Grand Commandery.

The above question of reference was stated by Sir Knight Cogshall in the following language, and had reference to the same committee: The question of membership and liability for dues of members of a Commandery after they have applied for and received a dispensation for a new Commandery, and before a charter had been granted to said new Commandery, is under discussion, and several various opinions being expressed. This Grand Commandery is requested to give its official decision on the subject.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition presented by Sir Knight P. E. C. A. J. Sawyer, of Monroe Commandery, that the sum of one hundred dollars be refunded said Commandery, as they paid for the original charter, and subsequently having been obliged to pay for another charter in 1868, respectfully

report in favor of granting the prayer of the petition, and would recommend that a warrant for one hundred dollars be drawn in favor of said Monroe Commandery, being the amount paid for the second charter.

T. H. ARMSTRONG,
JOHN CLARK,
L. R. ATWATER,
Committee.

Which was accepted and adopted, and a warrant ordered drawn for that amount.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Michigan was closed in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM. Prayer by the E. Grand Prelate.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence have with much interest perused the proceedings of nineteen States since our last review. They are so full of subjects of interest that were we to do justice to each, a space would be occupied totally beyond the limit which a compendium of this kind would admit; therefore, very reluctantly we are compelled to confine our labors to a very brief survey, and trust no fault will be found that any do not receive a notice commensurate with its merits. We will depart from the usual beaten alphabetical arrangement, and take each in the order of its reception. First comes

MINNESOTA.

Third Annual Conclave held in Winona, 24th June, 1868. Sir James L. Cole, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, presiding. Sir George A. Savory, E. Grand Recorder—who read a very brief address by R. E. Sir A. E. Ames, deposited with him prior to the departure of the Commander for California. It breathes a spirit of love and knightly friendship for the Order and for his own jurisdiction, but no item of general interest. One dispensation, granted to "Home Commandery, No. 5," at Rochester, Olmstead county, is the only official act mentioned. The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of proceedings from ten States, among which Michigan does not appear. We mailed two copies of our last proceedings to the Grand Recorder, George A. Savory, Esq., and shall be careful in future, as in the past, not to be forgetful of our esteemed young and vigorous friend, the extent of whose domain and material filling up its wide theatre, will afford ample room for extensive usefulness. We shall always greet their presence

in our Asylum, and hope they will go on "prospering and to prosper." R. E. Sir James M. Cole was elected Grand Commander, and the same Grand Recorder re-elected for the ensuing year. This jurisdiction has five Commanderies, with three hundred and nineteen members.

ALABAMA

Next claims our attention to the Ninth Annual Conclave, held in Montgomery, 11th December, 1868, Sir Richard F. Mott, Grand Commander, presiding, and Sir Edmund F. Hastings Grand Recorder. The address of the Grand Commander is a sound, practical paper, and overflows with zeal for the Institution and steady attachment to the principles of the Order. We rejoice in the cheering description he gives of the condition of his charge, and subjoin an extract relative to that subject, and paying a well merited eulogium to a departed distinguished Sir Knight, to whom we, in sympathy with him, desire to add our word of respect. We for many years welcomed the renewal of our annual converse through the medium of those pages, with his noble and generous spirit, true manliness and the essence of courteous chivalry shone through all his acts and sayings, and we fondly cherish the hope that the recompense of reward promised the faithful follower of the Cross of our Salvation, is his:

"It is gratifying to me to state that, while the number of our subordinate Commanderies is few, and while we cannot boast of a large number of members, yet everywhere in our beloved State the standard of intelligence, virtue and morality, among our fraters, is of the highest order; the Ancient Landmarks are preserved, and everything is in strict conformity to knightly courtesy. Our Sir Knights have no contention, but they have that noble emulation of 'who can best work and best agree.' The portals of our sacred Asylums are strictly guarded, and under no circumstances are the unworthy permitted to enter. While we have cause to be thankful to the Great Beneficent Author of our being for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us, and while we thank Him for the preservation of our lives and the health we are permitted to enjoy, yet we cannot refrain from mingling our tears with, and tendering our heartfelt condolence to, our sister Grand Commandery of Tennessee, in the irreparable loss she has sustained in the death of that true and courteous Sir Knight, that Christian brother, that useful man and Mason, Charles A. Fuller, Grand Recorder of that Grand Commandery.

"I knew him well and esteemed him highly. He loved Masonry, and was an ornament to our Order, and to the Church with which he was connected. But 'it is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die;' there is another and better world, and the spirit of our beloved frater has entered the Grand Asylum above. Such was his purity of life and conduct, such was his Christian zeal and devotion, that he was eminently fitted and prepared for the Celestial City on high."

The Committee on Correspondence acknowledge, amongst others, the receipt of our proceedings, and we are thankful for their kind notice. The aggregate members reported are two hundred and forty-two from eight Commanderies. We wish them abundant success, and hope every successive year to report a large accession of good material to their numbers.

We find a well and carefully compiled oration printed with this pamphlet, and have perused is with no ordinary emotions; the writer grasps the subject of Templarism and its duties to society with a master hand. The gist of this discourse points with rebuke to several unkind and unchristian allusions to the recent lamented sectional trouble, which zealous but misguided reviewers have for a display of *patriotism*, or actuated by a desire of applause, or some more narrow, contracted motive, inflicted on their readers. We have before condemned this spirit, and still do. We append an extract which sums up the essence and meaning of this beautiful address, and assure our Southern warm-blooded, warm-hearted friends that we in Michigan can, from knowledge and experience, bear witness to the truth of his remarks, and have never ceased to proclaim deeds of magnanimity, words of comfort, acts of Masonic friendship, administered in times when they could be and were appreciated at their full value. The ties thus formed can never be broken, and the motives which dictated them imparted an additional value to the deeds, while we regret a few men of small calibre should protract feelings which we hoped were long since buried. We in our western homes breathe a more purified atmosphere, and are not affected by sterile ideas, the product of flinty brains.

R. E. Sir Peleg Brown was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Edmund M. Hastings Grand Recorder.

"When we bled on fields of strife and from wounds given and received in obedience to demands which we believed were imposed upon us by honor and sanctioned by law and duty, we knelt beside each other's bloody forms, and in the spirit of Knighthood and Christianity

we ministered to each other's comfort. The life that seemed ready to pass away through the wounds we had inflicted, became precious to us, and we prayed thai it might remain to gladden us in future peaceful hours.

"The heart whose feeble throbbings seemed about to stop with weariness of life, moved with a new impulse when it was warmed in a brother's bosom; and whether the vestment that covered it were blue or gray, the soul considered not. It was a Templar's bosom that warmed a brother's heart.

"Can we not, now that this strife is ended, return with honorable magnanimity to knightly courtesy and confidence, and can we not cross our swords in peace upon the coffined remains of the "dead past," and look to the present and future with eyes untouched and unobstructed by the blood of passion or the jaundice of prejudice? While we utilize this proud organization in all that concerns us as individuals, let us forget the bitterness past; whether in doing so we forget glory or humility, victory or defeat, and let us with honest zeal and fidelity to our own common and beloved land, prove ourselves true Knights and brethren in her defense, and in the just and honest support of her authority, and in the support of an honest administration of her laws. Then may we say to our country as David to his beloved Jerusalem, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces."

LOUISIANA.

Proceedings of 15th February, 1868, held at New Orleans. Samuel M. Todd, R. E. Grand Commander. Only three subordinates represented, with a total membership of two hundred and twenty-one. The address of the R. E. reports harmony and prosperity throughout the jurisdiction. R. E. Sir Fulgener Ricard was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Alfred E. Billings Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

June 11th and 12th, 1868. Twenty-First Annual Conclave at Maysville; nine Commanderies, with a total membership of four hundred and seventeen. The Order is working uniformly and regularly, and harmony and knightly courtesy prevails. The Grand Commander, Sir Charles R. Woodruff, recommends care and caution in selecting candidates, and deprecates any change in the Ritual or Order of Degrees which has so many years been adopted. We are indebted to the cour-

teous Committee on Correspondence for the favorable mention of our name, and at some future time will take an opportunity to reciprocate, but are now very much limited for time and space. R E. Sir Rev. J. M. Worrall was elected Grand Commander, and our established friend, E. Sir Wm. D. Munger, Grand Recorder, for the ensuing year.

CONNECTICUT.

Annual Conclave at Hartford, 14th May, 1868, Sir Stiles D. Sperry R. E. Grand Commander. Eight subordinates represented, with a total number of nine hundred and seventy-three, of which one hundred and fourteen were Knighted within the year. The R. E. congratulates his charge on their great prosperity, and claims the honor for Connecticut of having first conferred the Order of Knighthood under a charter from England. Pennsylvania and Massachusetts to the contrary notwithstanding. As usual, compliments from the Committee on Correspondence are presented to our grateful selves; accept our gratitude. R. E. Sir Amos S. Treat was elected Grand Commander, and our co-laborer, Sir E. G. Storer, re-elected Grand Recorder. *Vale.*

INDIANA.

We have proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Conclave of this State, held at Indianapolis 6th April, 1869. Fifteen chartered Commanderies and four under dispensation, making a return of 649 members, and an increase of 147 within the year—a very flattering and cheering retrospect. Sir Thomas Newby, E. C., presents a practical business address, of local interest. The same Grand Commander was re-elected; also, a similar honor was conferred on the eminent and worthy Grand Recorder, Sir John M. Bramwell.

MAINE.

On 5th May, 1868, the Annual Conclave of this State was held at Portland, R. E. Sir Moses Dodge Grand Commander, and Sir Ira Berry E. Grand Recorder. There were representatives from ten Commanderies, and one U. D. present. The R. E. visited all the subordinates, and found peace and prosperity everywhere. The same Grand Commander and Recorder were re-elected for next year. From the pen of our illustrious Frater, Sir Josiah H. Drummond, we have an exceedingly able report on correspondence; would that time allowed us to speak of it in proportion to its merits, but, God willing, we may have another opportunity.

GEORGIA

Presents in small, but appropriate compass, its proceedings for May 1st, 1868. There were present delegates from seven Commanderies, returning 316 members. There is not a matter for comment presented to our view. Sir W. I. Gould briefly addressed his Companions; no report on correspondence. Sir Thomas W. Chandler was, on ballot, elected R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir Charles R. Armstrong re-elected Grand Recorder. We wish our Southern friends the greatest prosperity, and have no doubt we shall each successive cycle be able to note material advancement.

IOWA.

This, our vigorous Western co-laborer, met in Annual Grand Conclave 20th October, 1868, Sir I. R. Harstock R. E. Grand Commander. Eleven subordinates represented; numbers on roll, 490. The R. E. reports the utmost harmony and good feeling within their walls; a healthy prosperity is apparent, and under such a prevailing determination to be watchful in selecting material, we can foresee a growth slow (as it ought to be), but solid as the everlasting hills. Prosper! Sir R. F. Bower was elected M. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Wm. B. Langridge re-elected E. Grand Recorder, for next year.

TENNESSEE.

The Seventh Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held in Nashville on Monday, 28th September, 1868. Six Commanderies represented, returning a roll of six hundred and twenty Sir Knights. Several Commanderies not represented at Conclave, which we regret. Sir John Frizzell, R. E. Grand Commander, reports on the condition of the Order, that Templar Masonry was never in a more flourishing condition in his jurisdiction, at which we sincerely rejoice. Sir Joseph Megowan Towler was elected Grand Commander and Sir John Frizzell Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

Annual Conclave at Burlington on the 9th June, 1868. Six Commanderies, with a membership of three hundred and fifty-eight. The R. E. Sir George M. Hall informs his Jurisdiction that old and new organizations are in a prosperous condition, doing exceeding good

work and careful in selecting material. He complains of want of uniformity of work, and suggests the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. The committee review some old proceedings, although every year is carefully laid before the Grand Recorder. They complain of want of statistics; these are compiled and a summary furnished on the first page of our report for the past three years. Sir Russell S. Tafft was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir John B. Hollenbeck re-elected Grand Recorder.

TEXAS.

The Fifteenth Annual Conclave of this Jurisdiction assembled in the city of Houston on the 8th of June, 1868. Four subordinates in line, aggregating about three hundred members, including No. 7, not represented. The Grand Commander's address does not appear, but we find an able compendium on correspondence, touching points of interest presented in all the corresponding States; the two leading subjects treated of possess to us no interest whatever, although undoubtedly of considerable antiquarian value; although, come to reflect, this Order does not date so far back. We live in an age of progress, and while we run we like to read live subjects in preference to dead fossils. There has been little increase in their numbers, but in that they find evidence of strength and real benefit. We agree altogether, and would hope that our own Jurisdiction have not been too hasty in filling up so rapidly. R. E. Sir P. W. Gray was elected Grand Commander, and E. R. Brewster Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Fifteenth Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was holden in the city of Scranton on the 9th of June, 1868. Representatives from twenty-four subordinates were present. The membership in all amounts to two thousand two hundred and seven, of whom six hundred and twelve were knighted the past year. This Jurisdiction presents, as usual, evidence of great prosperity, and its affairs are ably superintended. R. E. Sir J. L. Hutchinson has been at work and gives a cheering account of the operations among the subordinates. We cannot this time, but will again, D. V., spread ourselves in digesting the abundant themes pervading matters in Pennsylvania. R. E. Sir John Vallenchamp was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Alfred Creigh, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

Eighth Annual Conclave, at St. Louis, 5th October, 1868. R. E. Sir George Frank Gouley, Grand Commander. Five subordinates represented by delegates. The numbers in this jurisdiction amount to four hundred and thirteen, an accession of one hundred and twenty-five during the past year. This is an immense, if healthy, increase, although certainly there is an abundant field for material. Sir Gouley sums up the points of his protracted controversy with Sir Albert Pike, and claims to have effectually silenced that pugnacious warrior. We fear there is some vitality still left in him, and that he will speak again. Perfect harmony pervades this jurisdiction, and all is tranquility. R. E. Sir James Frank Aglar was elected Grand Commander, and Sir George Frank Gouley was elected Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

In this State the Grand Commandery held its Fifty-Fifth Annual Conclave in New York City on the 5th October, 1868. Thirty-five subordinates represented; total members on rolls, 4,094, of whom 761 were created the past year; 30 affiliated, 4 reinstated, 102 withdrawn, 81 suspended, and 55 died. Sir John A. Lefferts, R. E. Grand Commander, reports that during the year just passed no strife, no contention or unworthy aspiration has entered into or disturbed the government of the body; no differences to settle, no wrongs to redress, no irate or angry feelings to allay. There is much temptation for comment in the Report on Correspondence, from which, this time, we are shut out, but shall not forget them if it be our lot to write again. The same Grand Officers were re-elected, namely: Sir John A. Lefferts, Grand Commander, and E. Sir Robert Macoy Grand Recorder, for next term.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Conclave was held in Richmond, on the 17th December, 1868, R. E. Sir William B. Isaacs, Grand Commander. Seven Commanderies represented. The address of the R. E. is short, and no Report on Correspondence. We have counted their returns, and find five hundred and twenty-nine on the rolls. We wish them Godspeed. Sir Edward H. Gill was elected Grand Commander, and Sir John Dove re-elected Grand Recorder.

ILLINOIS.

We acknowledge a well compiled pamphlet, full of interesting news from this Grand Commandery, which assembled on its Twelfth Annual Conclave in Chicago, on 27th October, 1868, Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, Grand Commander. Twenty-seven Commanderies were represented with full ranks, numbering one thousand six hundred and seventy-seven members, of whom three hundred and forty-nine were created this year. This jurisdiction presents a condition of vigorous health, financially and otherwise. R. E. Sir Jerome Rinaldo Gorin was elected Grand Commander, and Sir James Hoge Miles Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN.

Tenth Annual Conclave in the city of Milwaukee, on 20th January, 1869, R. E. Sir Alvin B. Alden, Grand Commander. Seven Commanderies represented; six hundred and twenty-five members: we cannot observe the numbers created. The Grand Commander reports peace and harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction; that examination of qualification of candidates is more strict, which tends greatly to the elevation of the Order. No new organizations. The Report on Correspondence rivals this of ours in brevity, but it gives the essence and shows where the Order is, and its condition throughout all noticed jurisdictions. R. E. Sir Wm. H. Hiner was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Wm. T. Palmer Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

As usual, we have a large, well-regulated book, giving the transactions of this extensive jurisdiction. Annual Assembly at Boston, 30th October, 1868, Sir Wm. Wilson Baker, Grand Commander. Twenty-two Encampments (so-called) represented; whole number of Knights affiliated three thousand and thirty-five. The utmost harmony prevails, and the Order holds a high position in this State. The same Grand Officers, M. E. Sir Wm. W. Baker, Grand Master, and E. Sir Solon Thornton, Grand Recorder, were re-elected. We are not responsible for the exceptional titles of these Grand Officers, nor is it of much moment; they are working, true, valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights.

And now a word of apology, first to my own associate Grand Officers, the officers of the different Commanderies, and equally to all and every

member in this jurisdiction. I ask your pardon for the lateness of coming before you with these proceedings. My pressing and many PUBLIC duties, increased during the past year, and superadded my PRIVATE business, which ought to have nearly all my time, have thrown over to the last moment the pleasure of presenting to your view the transactions of the outside world. This *shall* not again occur. I will next claim, for similar reasons, the indulgence of the many bright intellects greeting us from other luminaries. "The feast of reason and the flow of soul" presented have *not* fallen on barren soil; and while our own intellectual feast has been most bountiful, we regret others less favored with supplies are shut out. Should another cycle find us in communion with so many genial spirits and congenial souls, our present shortcomings will make us doubly diligent. *Vale!*

May an all wise God protect you all. May the Cross fix your Masonic vision on the reward promised the true soldier fighting the battle of life against the World, the Flesh and the Devil, and, with Charity wide as your principles, pardon the benighted scoffers who cannot see beyond the region of their blind prejudices; and while some ignorant laymen are excusable for their characteristic stupid attacks on the sublime principles of our Order, what shall we say of a CONGREGATION of fanatical priests—not of the Church of Rome, but representing, as they claim, an advanced enlightenment and improvement on the faith for which martyrs fell and Crusaders yielded their lives and defended while in its swaddling clothes; bellowing like roaring "Bulls of Bashan" against they know not what; but they see something beyond the reach of their Jesuitical claws. They can't control it, therefore they must denounce and besmear our benign Order.

Respectfully,

OLIVER BOURKE,

For the Committee.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1870.

The Fourteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan assembled in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Detroit, on Monday, 7th day of June, 1870, at 6 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir THERON A. FLOWER, R. E. Grand Commander.
J. L. MITCHELL, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
D. BOVEE, E. Grand Generalissimo.
L. C. STARKEY, E. Grand Captain General.
ISRAEL COGGSHALL, E. Grand Prelate.
JOHN GOLDSMITH, JR., E. Grand Senior Warden.
C. G. CURTISS, E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
O. BOURKE, E. Grand Recorder.
IRVING M. SMITH, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
S. C. RANDALL, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
E. M. STEVENS, E. Grand Warder.
W. V. GRIFFITH, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

A large number of distinguished Sir Knights from Foreign and State Jurisdictions were in attendance, and contributed their valuable counsel for the welfare of Masonry.

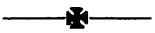
The Grand Recorder having reported that a constitutional number of

delegates from subordinate Commanderies were in attendance, the Right Eminent proceeded to open the Grand Commandery of Michigan in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM. The E. Grand Prelate invoking, in solemn prayer, the Divine guidance and protection during the deliberations of the Grand Body over the assembled Sir Knights, directing their thoughts and efforts to the grand and fundamental object and aim of the Order—the amelioration of the human race, diffusing light and dispelling darkness, the better fitting us for that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens—as good and faithful soldiers of the Cross pressing forward to the goal of victory promised by the Captain of our Salvation to all who truly and faithfully have fought the good fight, have kept the faith, and finished their course in firm reliance on Him.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, a supply of the printed proceedings having been circulated, and an abundance of spare copies in the room for the use of members.

The R. E. Grand Commander appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Sir Knights W. S. Edwards, G. B. Noble and H. S. Noble.

The Grand Commandery was, on motion, called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.



WEDNESDAY, June 8, A. D. 1870—9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor. The following report of the Committee on Credentials was received, and the committee empowered to amend by adding thereto the names of representatives presented during the session, and of making any corrections or amendments necessary:

Your Committee on Credentials having examined the returns and proxies of the several subordinate Commanderies, beg leave to report the following list of members and Representatives entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

GRAND OFFICERS—

Theron A. Flower, R. E. G. C.

J. L. Mitchell, V. E. D. G. C.

D. Bovee, E. G. G.

L. C. Starkey, E. G. C. G.

I. Cogshall, E. G. P.

Jno. Goldsmith, Jr., E. G. S. W.

Carlos G. Curtiss, E. G. J. W.

Wm. Barclay, E. G. T.

Oliver Bourke, E. G. R.

I. M. Smith, E. G. Stand. B.

S. C. Randall, E. G. Sword B.

E. M. Stevens, G. W.

W. V. Griffith, E. G. C. of G.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS—

John Gilbert.

W. P. Innes.

John Clark.

N. P. Jacobs.

G. B. Noble.

L. R. Atwater.

Benj. Porter.

Frank Darrow.

S. L. Dart.

J. H. Armstrong.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

John A. Barns, E. C.

J. P. Fiske, G.

E. I. Garfield, C. G.

T. H. Armstrong, P. E. C.

D. B. Nichols, P. E. C.

A. G. Hibbard, P. E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

H. M. Look, E. C.

John P. Foster, G.

S. S. Mathews, C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

Wm. S. Edwards, proxy for E. C. and C. G.

C. W. Darling, G.

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, No. 4—

W. F. King, E. C.

J. W. Finch, G.

W. H. Drew, proxy for C. G.

De Molai Commandery, No. 5—

L. H. Randall, E. C.

C. H. Johnson, G.

E. S. Pierce, C. G.

J. W. Champlin, P. E. C.

Romeo Commandery, No. 6—

I. D. Hanscomb, E. C.

J. C. Lamb, G.

John Ford, C. G.

Abijah E. Palmer, P. E. C.

Port Huron Commandery, No. 7—

E. W. Harris, E. C. and proxy for G.

H. Botsford, proxy for C. G.

Peninsular Commandery, No. 8—

Frank Henderson, E. C. and proxy for C. G.

I. W. Hopkins, proxy for G.

A. T. Metcalf, P. E. C.

C. H. Brown, P. E. C.

T. C. Brownell, P. E. C.

Jackson Commandery, No. 9—

D. W. Shaw, proxy for E. C.

H. F. Knapp, G.

J. B. Tomlinson, proxy for C. G.

Jacobs Commandery, No. 10—

R. H. Lake, G.

M. Mansfield, C. G. and proxy for E. C.

Ionia Commandery, No. 11—

Not represented.

Niles Commandery, No. 12—

John Woodruff, E. C. and proxy for G.

J. B. Thomas, C. G.

Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13—

S. M. Webster, E. C.

L. C. Risdon, G.

Thos. F. Hill, C. G.

Chas. H. Richmond, P. E. C.

FENTON COMMANDERY, No. 14—

Wm. Colbrath, E. C.

Geo. W. Wilmarth, G.

E. M. Stevens, C. G.

GENESEE VALLEY COMMANDERY, No. 15—

S. C. Randall, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, No. 16—

Irving M. Smith, E. C.

M. L. S. Lenheim, G.

Geo. Lockley, C. G.

M. C. T. Plessner, P. E. C.

MARSHALL COMMANDERY, No. 17—

E. S. Bronson, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

COLUMBIA COMMANDERY, No. 18 -

Lyman Nolton, E. C.

R. H. Morrison, P. E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 19—

H. Shaw Noble, E. C.

G. R. Hurd, G.

Joseph Waltman, C. G.

A. I. Sawyer, P. E. C.

JOHN CLARK COMMANDERY, No. 20—

John Clark, E. C.

R. H. Jenks, G.

CORUNNA COMMANDERY, No. 21-

Hugh McCurdy, E. C.

Daniel Bush, G.

C. S. Converse, C. G.

MUSKEGON COMMANDERY, No. 22—

C. T. Hills, E. C.

R. P. Easton, G.

E. B. Clayton, C. G.

PILGRIM COMMANDERY, No. 23—

Not represented.

ST. JOHNS COMMANDERY, No. 24—

O. L. Spaulding, E. C.

A. J. Wiggins, G.

C. E. Grisson, C. G.

LANSING COMMANDERY, No. 25—

Benjamin F. Davis, proxy for G.

A. Bixby, E. C.

G. W. Chandler, C. G.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. EDWARDS,

G. B. NOBLE,

H. SHAW NOBLE,

Committee.

The R. E. Grand Commander read his annual address, which, on motion of Sir Knight Smith, was referred to a committee of three to apportion, and the following appointed a committee for that purpose, viz: Sirs John Clark, J. P. Fiske and I. Cogshall.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

In accordance with our Constitution, we are again assembled in Annual Conclave to review the past, and legislate for the future government of our Order within this Grand Jurisdiction.

Having in this Asylum offered our "prayers and oblations" to Almighty God, the giver of every perfect gift, and thanked Him for the many blessings He has vouchsafed to us the past year, and invoked His divine assistance in all our deliberations, that we may be guided aright; I will at once proceed to give an account of my official acts, and impart such information in regard to the welfare of this Order as may have come to my knowledge.

It is a source of much pleasure to me to be able to state to you, that throughout our entire Jurisdiction our Order is in a very prosperous condition. Harmony prevails, and the monster Death, so far as I know, has thinned our ranks but lightly.

But two deaths of Knights within our Jurisdiction have been reported to me: that of P. E. C. Sir Harrison H. Wallace, of Columbia Commandery, No. 18, and Samuel H. Thurber, of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2.

Within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Body we number twenty-five Commanderies working under charters, and three under dispensations,

with nearly fifteen hundred members; and it is a great blessing, indeed, that from so large a number so few should have been called to the asylum above. Other Sir Knights may have been summoned to appear at the Judgment Seat, but their demise has not been reported to me.

My official acts have been few. At our last Annual Conclave, charters were granted to "Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23;" "St. Johns Commandery, No. 24," and "Lansing Commandery, No. 25."

By the requirements of our statutes, it became my duty to constitute these Commanderies, and install their officers elect.

In accordance with that duty, June 22, 1869, I met the Sir Knights at St. Johns, and, assisted by P. G. P. Sir Rev. Wm. Stowe, of Port Huron, and Sir E. Sprague, of Lyons, constituted St. Johns Commandery, No 24, and installed its officers. These ceremonies were performed in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in presence of a large audience. After the close of these ceremonies, we listened to a very able and instructive address on Templar Masonry from our P. G. P., Sir Rev. Wm. Stowe, of Port Huron; after which we partook of a sumptuous banquet prepared by the Sir Knights of St. Johns Commandery and their ladies, the latter gracing the repast with their presence.

July 9, 1869, I issued my proxy to P. G. C. Sir J. H. Armstrong, of Hillsdale, to meet the Sir Knights at Lansing, and constitute Lansing Commandery, No. 25, and install its officers, and make due return to me.

This duty he performed on the 20th of the same month, and made due return.

September 10, 1869, I visited Big Rapids, constituted Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23, and installed its officers.

August 6, 1869, in company with several Sir Knights of Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, I visited Romeo Commandery, No. 6, installed its officers elect, and conferred the orders of the Red Cross and Temple on several candidates.

I have granted three dispensations to form new Commanderies:

October 27, 1869, to a constitutional number of Sir Knights at Bay City, who presented a petition in due form, recommended by St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16, to be called Bay City Commandery, naming Sir Knights R. J. Carney, E. C.; Millis W. Barse, Gen., and George H Doughty, C. G.

January 17, 1870, to a constitutional number of Sir Knights at Lexington, Sanilac County, who presented a petition in due form, recommended by Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, to be called Lexington Commandery; naming Sir Knights Geo. H. Smith, E. C.; Arthur M. Clark, Gen., and Wm. T. Jenney, C. G.

March 11, 1870, to a constitutional number of Sir Knights at Howell, who presented a petition in due form, recommended by Fenton Commandery, No. 14, to be called Howell Commandery; naming Sir Knights Sardis F. Hubbell, E. C.; Milo L. Gay, Gen., and Harvey W. Spencer, C. G.

These new Commanderies, now under dispensation, will undoubtedly petition this Grand Body to grant them charters; and should their by-laws and records conform to our constitution and laws, I would recommend that their petitions be granted.

I have granted during the year, for good and valid reasons, several special dispensations; none, however, of importance, or worthy of notice here.

I have made but few visits to Commanderies during the year.

I visited Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and witnessed the conferring the orders of Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta. The work was exceedingly well done, and too much praise cannot be accorded to Sir J. A. Barns, E. C., and the officers of his Commandery, for the efficient and impressive manner in which they do their work.

I visited Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, and witnessed the conferring the order of the Temple. The work was well done, and the officers and members of this Commandery showed a proficiency in the work that cannot fail to place them in the front rank of Commanderies in this State.

At the request of Sir Knight R. J. Carney, I visited Bay City Commandery, U. D., for the purpose of instruction, in company with Sir Knight T. H. Armstrong, of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and Sir Irving M. Smith, E. C., and several other Sir Knights of St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16.

I witnessed the conferring the order of the Temple by the officers of this young Commandery, which was done in a very creditable manner indeed. I conferred the orders of the Red Cross and the Temple, and examined their records, which are kept in a very neat and creditable manner.

This young Commandery shows intelligence and zeal that, if contin-

ued, will place them second to no Commandery in this State. They have a commodious hall, with convenient ante-rooms, are well uniformed and drilled, and I would cheerfully recommend that a charter be granted them at this Grand Conclave.

Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, to which I have the honor of having been a member since its organization, is well officered, and in a very prosperous condition.

I learn from P. E. C. Sir R. Henry Morrison, that Columbia Commandery, No. 18, is in a flourishing condition, having added twenty Knights to their number during the past year.

It is with much pleasure that I learn that the Sir Knights in this jurisdiction are taking great interest in the drill, and are generally being uniformed. I would recommend that no candidate be admitted to the Order of the Temple until he shall have procured, or made provision, to procure, a uniform.

I find by perusing the proceedings of other Grand Bodies that a system of appointing Representatives "near other Grand Bodies," has become quite prevalent. I call your attention to this system of representation.

I recommend that this Grand Body appoint a Grand Visitor; one well versed in the Ritual, whose duty it shall be to visit every Commandery in this State, and give proper instruction, to the end that we may have uniform work throughout our entire jurisdiction.

I consider our present Ritual imperfect, and in many parts ambiguous. It lacks verbal directions, and I would recommend that it be revised. I learn from Grand Master Wm. S. Gardner that the Grand Commandery of Illinois have prepared and adopted a very complete and excellent Ritual, with verbal directions.

I would recommend that a copy of the Illinois Ritual be obtained for examination.

I recommend that this Grand Body instruct the Grand Recorder to prepare, publish and distribute the proceedings of the Grand Commandery within ninety days after the close of each Annual Conclave.

And now, Sir Knights, in returning to you the brief authority you have confided to me as your presiding officer, permit me to return to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred on me, and for the many knightly courtesies so cordially bestowed.

THERON A. FLOWER,

Grand Commander.

On motion of Sir Knight Clark—

Resolved, That all Sir Knights in good standing are cordially invited to be present during the deliberations of the Grand Commandery at its present Conclave.

The R. E. Grand Commander nominated the following standing committees:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

A. T. Metcalf, O. L. Spaulding, L. H. Randall.

ON FINANCE—

John H. Armstrong, R. H. Jenks, John P. Fiske.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

W. F. King, Jno. Woodruff, E. S. Bronson.

ON JURISPRUDENCE—

H. M. Look, Hugh McCurdy, Irving M. Smith.

ON RETURNS—

E. W. Harris, C. F. Hells, J. D. Hanscom.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

O. Bourke, John Clark.

Sir Irving M. Smith called for a report from the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to the question whether Commanderies under dispensation should pay dues for its members while under dispensation.

The R. E. Grand Commander called the attention of the Commandery to the necessity of uniformity in sword exercise. The subject was, on motion of Sir Knight Mitchell, referred to Sir Knights G. B. Noble, Mitchell and Curtiss, with request that they would exemplify during the present Conclave.

He also directed attention to the Work, and the subject was, on motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Sir Knight Look offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no subordinate Commandery within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall confer the Order of the Temple upon any candidate until such candidate shall procure, or deposit with the Recorder the means to procure, the proper uniform of the Order, the amount of such deposit to be regulated by the order of the several subordinate Commanderies.

On motion, referred to the Committee on Apportionment, which vote was reconsidered, and the subject matter referred to a special committee on uniform, consisting of Sir Knights Mitchell, Porter and Brower.

Sir Knight Harris moved that Commanderies under dispensation have permission to vote at the election of Grand Officers, the same as chartered Commanderies. After some discussion, the motion was lost.

On motion of Sir Knight McCurdy, the amendment to Sec. 4 of the statutes, changing the time of meeting from June to May, and from 6 to 7 o'clock—offered at the session of the Grand Commandery in 1869 (proceedings, p. 16)—was taken from the table.

Sir Knight Atwater moved a division of the subject.

On motion, that portion of the resolution substituting May for June was lost, and the portion changing the hour of meeting from 6 to 7 o'clock P. M. was adopted.

Sir Knights G. B. Noble, J. L. Mitchell and Carlos G. Curtiss, Committee on Sword Exercise, exemplified the same, and submitted a diagram, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered filed with the Grand Recorder for reference, if necessary.

An invitation was received from the "Western Art Association," through Sir Knight A. J. Brow, Secretary, cordially tendering the freedom of their splendid gallery to the Grand Body during their sojourn in the city.

On motion of Sir Knight Atwater, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Commandery tendered to the Association for their kindness and courtesy.

On motion of Sir Knight J. L. Mitchell, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order for 2 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred, at the last Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery, the question as to whether a subordinate Commandery should pay dues to this Grand Commandery for its members who are working under dispensation, would respectfully report that we have fully considered the subject, and considering that Knights working under dispensation retain their membership in the Commandery to which they belonged at the time of granting such dispensation, and should pay dues to such Commandery until such time

as a charter is granted them, and we think that a subordinate Commandery should pay dues to the Grand Commandery for its members while working under dispensation, the same as for its other members.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGH McCURDY,
H. SHAW NOBLE,
Committee on Jurisprudence.

Sir Knight Atwater moved that the Grand Recorder be paid seventy-five dollars, the Grand Sentinel fifteen dollars, and Monroe Chapter, for use of hall, ten dollars, which was adopted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Officers and Delegates to this Grand Commandery be paid three dollars per diem, and ten cents per mile one way, for this session of the Grand Commandery, and that R. E. Past Commanders and Grand Officers be similarly paid.

Adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported the following resolution, in amended form, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That it is advisable, and for the interest of Templar Masonry, that hereafter no dispensation be issued or granted to create or form a new Commandery within the distance of twenty-five miles of any Commandery now in existence, except in villages or cities having a population of not less than twenty thousand inhabitants.

Sir Knight John A. Barns, on behalf of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, tendered a cordial invitation to all Sir Knights, visitors as well as members of the jurisdiction of this State, to partake of the hospitalities of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, on Thursday evening.

On motion of Sir Knight King, the invitation was thankfully accepted, and the courtesy and kindness of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, is fully appreciated and acknowledged by this Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight Atwater moved that the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery be held in the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, on the first Tuesday of June, at 7 P. M. Adopted.

The Committee on Apportioning the Grand Commander's address, made the following report, which, on motion of Sir Knight Mitchell, was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the annual address of the R. E. Grand Commander for apportionment, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have apportioned and referred the same as follows:

The portion relating to Charters and Dispensations, to the Standing Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The portion relating to Sir Knights being uniformed before receiving the "Order of the Temple," be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The portion relating to the appointment of Representatives "near other Grand Bodies," be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The portion relating to the appointment of a Grand Visitor and Lecturer, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The portion relating to the *Ritual* be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The portion relating to the publication of the proceedings of the Grand Body, be adopted.

JOHN P. FISKE,
I. COGSHALL,
JOHN CLARK,
Committee.

And on motion of Sir Knight Mitchell, the Right Eminent appointed the following committees:

ON UNIFORM—

Mitchell, Porter and Brown.

ON REPRESENTATIVES—

Fiske, S. C. Randall and W. C. Colbrath.

ON GRAND VISITOR AND LECTURER—

John Clark, Fiske and Cogshall.

The Committee on Drill, appointed at the last Conclave, through their chairman, Sir Knight Garfield, reported in detail, embracing the various evolutions in order, being identically the same drill now in use and adopted by Detroit Commandery, No. 1, and submitted same to the consideration of the Grand Commandery, when, on motion of Sir Knight John Clark, the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

After some debate, the mode and manner of publishing the drill as

adopted, was deferred to this afternoon, to be then taken up for action by the Grand Commandery.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on the subject of the work, pointing out the defects now existing, and making recommendations for correcting same, which report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their Annual Reports, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM BARCLAY, Grand Treasurer,

In account with GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN.

		Dr.
1869—June 1.	To balance on hand.	$ 948 50
1870—June 7.	To cash from Grand Recorder	276 90
June 7.	By balance carried down	$1,225 40

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To balance brought down	$1,225 40

WILLIAM BARCLAY,

Grand Treasurer.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN,

In account with O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder.

1869—June,	J. A. Barns, No. 1	$ 6 00
	A. B. Cudworth, No. 2	8 60
	I. T. Hayden, No. 3	16 60
	I. W. French, No. 4	13 20
	I. Cogshall, No. 5	22 00
	E. White, No. 7	12 00
	A. T. Metcalf, No. 8	20 40
	D. W. Shaw, No. 9	13 60
	D. Bovee, No. 10	19 00
	J. H. Kidd, No. 11	19 00
	I. B. Fitzgerald, No. 12	25 50
	I. F. Hill, No. 13	10 00
	E. M. Stevens, No. 14	11 00
	S. C. Randall, No. 15	13 00
	Irving M. Smith, No. 16	16 00
	E. S. Brownson, No. 17	16 80
	R. H. Morrison, No. 18	21 50
	H. S. Noble, No. 19	10 00

1869—June.	A. I. Sawyer, (duplicate), No. 19	$ 10 00
	R. H. Jenks, No. 20	13 00
	H. McCurdy, No. 21	13 50
	John Clark, P. G. Com	13 00
	L. R. Atwater, P. G. Com	22 00
	Benj. Porter, P. G. Com	13 60
	G. B. Noble, P. G. Com	6 00
	J. H. Armstrong, G. C	17 00
	Theron A. Flower, D. G. C	8 60
	A. G. Hibbard, G. Gen	6 00
	J. L. Mitchell, G. C. G	13 60
	Wm. Stowe, G. P	12 50
	D. Bovee, G. S. W	19 00
	L. C. Starkey, G. J. W.	20 40
	W. Barclay, Grand Treasurer	6 00
	O. Bourke, Grand Recorder	75 00
	J. Goldsmith, Jr., Grand Standard Bearer	22 00
	C. G. Curtis, Grand Sword Bearer	6 00
	W. V. Griffith, Grand Sentinel	15 00
	H. S. Noble, per receipt	100 00
	J. H. Armstrong, per receipt	75 00
	T. A. Flower, per receipt	75 00
	Monroe Corporation, as voted	10 00
	Paid express charges	45
July 8.	Paid Wm. A. Throop & Co. bill	7 60
	Paid Free Press, printing proceedings	160 00
	Postage and stationery, one year	20 00
June 23.	Paid telegram to Lansing	65
July 13.	Refunded dues to Fenton	16 50
Sept. 8.	Paid J. G. Cobb, for copy work	10 00
Dec. 17.	Paid J. G. Cobb, for copy work	10 00
	Paid Grand Treasurer	276 90

CONTRA.

1869—June.	From Detroit Commandery, No. 1	$126 50
	From Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	75 00
	From Eureka Commandery, No. 3	37 50
	From Adrian Commandery, No. 4	56 00
	From De Molai Commandery, No. 5	36 00
	From Port Huron Commandery, No. 7	56 00

1869—June.	From Peninsular Commandery, No. 8	$ 82 50	
	From Jackson Commandery, No. 9	81 50	
	From Jacobs Commandery, No. 10	40 50	
	From Ionia Commandery, No. 11	24 50	
	From Niles Commandery, No. 12	22 50	
	From Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13	46 00	
	From Fenton Commandery, No. 14	16 50	
	From Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15	15 50	
	From St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16	38 50	
	From Marshall Commandery, No. 17	31 00	
	From Columbia Commandery, No. 18	48 00	
	From Sturgis Commandery, No. 19	9 00	
	From John Clark Commandery, No. 20	36 00	
	From Corunna Commandery, No. 21	76 50	
	From Muskegon Commandery, No. 22	23 00	
	From Romeo Commandery, for charter	50 00	
Oct. 27.	From Bay City Commandery, for dispensation	100 00	
1870—Jan. 17.	From Lexington Commandery, for dispensation	100 00	
Mar. 11.	From Howell Commandery, for dispensation	100 00	
			$1,348 50

O. BOURKE,

Grand Recorder.

The Committee on Grand Visitor and Lecturer made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the appointment of a Grand Visitor and Lecturer, beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend the postponement of the subject until our next annual meeting, and that in the meantime the work be under the special supervision of the R. E. Grand Commander.

JOHN CLARK,
I. COGSHALL,
JOHN P. FISKE,

Committee.

Sir Knight Noble offered the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That it is advisable and for the best interests of Templar Masonry that no dispensation be granted to form a second Commandery in any city containing a population of less than fifty thousand inhabitants.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report:

To the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters beg leave to report that, having examined the by-laws and records of Bay City, Lexington and Howell Commanderies, under dispensation, they find them in due form, and would respectfully recommend that charters be granted, to be known and numbered as follows: Bay City Commandery, No. 26; Lexington Commandery, No. 27; Howell Commandery, No. 28.

Your committee beg leave further to report that an application has been received from the Sir Knights of Battle Creek for a charter for a Commandery, to be located at that city. It appears that there is a large number of Sir Knights at Battle Creek who are put to much inconvenience to attend the Commanderies either at Marshall or Kalamazoo. The application of the Battle Creek Sir Knights represents that they applied to Marshall Commandery for a recommendation for a dispensation, which, so far as they are informed, has received no action on the part of that Commandery, which is the nearest Commandery to and east of Battle Creek. In justice to this Commandery, your committee would say that it is represented on the part of the Commandery that the Recorder was directed to inform the Battle Creek Sir Knights of the action of the Commandery in declining to recommend them, and that the fault lies with that officer that the information has not been received by the Battle Creek Sir Knights. The applicants, however, present a recommendation from Peninsular Commandery, at Kalamazoo, the nearest Commandery on the west. It is also represented to your committee that the establishment of a Commandery at Battle Creek would take but ten members from Marshall Commandery, and nearly three times that number from the Commandery at Kalamazoo. As the loss will fall mainly on the latter Commandery, which is one of the largest in the State, your committee would recommend the petition of the Sir Knights of Battle Creek to the favorable consideration of the Grand Commandery.

A. T. METCALF,
O. L. SPAULDING,
L. H. RANDALL,
Committee.

On motion, the portion thereof recommending that charters be granted to Bay City, No. 26, Lexington, No. 27, and Howell, No. 28, was adopted. The portion thereof relating to the petition from Battle Creek was taken up, and, on motion of Sir Knight Cogshall that a charter be granted the petitioners, after considerable discussion, the R. E. Grand

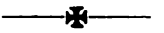
Commander ruled the granting of the charter was illegal under the statutes, and the motion therefore could not be entertained.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the annual statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, reported that they had examined the same, and found them correct as reported, showing a cash balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $1,225.50 at date of report.

JOHN H. ARMSTRONG,
ROBERT H. JENKS,
JOHN P. FISKE,
Committee.

Which report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Commandery was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.



WEDNESDAY, June 8, A. D. 1870—2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Commandery was called from refreshment to labor at the appointed hour, at which time the special order for the election of officers was the first business in order. The Grand Commandery proceeded to ballot, with the following result:

Sir John L. Mitchell, Jackson, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir D. Bovee, Coldwater, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir L. C. Starkey, Kalamazoo, E. Grand Generalissimo.
Sir E. I. Garfield, Detroit, E. Grand Captain General.
Sir Israel Cogshall, Kalamazoo, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir Carlos G. Curtiss, Detroit, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir Irving M. Smith, East Saginaw, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir Wm. Barclay, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir O. Bourke, Detroit, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir S. C. Randall, Flint, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir E. M. Stevens, Fenton, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir C. E. Grisson, St. Johns, E. Grand Warder.
Sir W. V. Griffith, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Grand Officers elect were formed in line by the Grand Marshal, duly installed in knightly form, and took their several stations in the Grand Commandery.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, the subject of granting a charter to Battle Creek was, by leave, referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, who were requested to introduce a resolution in conformity with the statutes of the Grand Commandery, whereby the grievance complained of by the petitioners may be met and adjusted equitably and fairly towards all parties.

The resolution of Sir Knight Look making it obligatory, before receiving the Order of the Temple, that every Sir Knight should procure the regalia of the Order, or deposit the requisite amount of money for that purpose with the Recorder of his Commandery, was, on motion, reconsidered and referred to a special Committee on Uniform, consisting of Sir Knights Mitchell, Porter and Brower, who, having met and considered the subject, made the following report:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Sir Knight Look, in reference to making it obligatory on Sir Knights before receiving the order of the Temple, to procure the necessary uniform of the Order, would report, that having given the subject of the resolution a careful consideration, we believe that the time has not yet come when it would be for the best interest of the Order to enforce the matter of the resolution in this Jurisdiction. We would, therefore, recommend that the question be left to the action of the subordinate Commanderies, but with the recommendation that they require all Sir Knights, as soon as convenient after creation, to procure the necessary uniform.

Respectfully submitted, by the Committee.

J. L. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Which was received, and a substitute offered by Sir Knight Look, that his original resolution be adopted. After full debate the original motion of Sir Knight Look on this subject was adopted.

The Committee on Returns made the following report, which was, on motion, accepted and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

We, your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the examination of the several returns made by the subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, would respectfully submit the following:

We have examined said reports and find:

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, overpaid $4.50.

Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, correct.

Eureka Commandery, No. 3, correct.

Adrian Commandery, No. 4, correct.

De Molai Commandery, No. 5, correct.

Romeo Commandery, No. 6, correct.

Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, correct.

Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, correct.

Jackson Commandery, No. 9, correct.

Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, correct.

Ionia Commandery, No. 11, correct.

Niles Commandery, No. 12, correct.

Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, correct.

Fenton Commandery, No. 14, correct.

Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, correct.

St Bernard Commandery, No. 16, correct.

Marshall Commandery, No. 17, correct.

Columbia Commandery, No. 18, correct.

Monroe Commandery, No. 19, correct.

John Clark, Commandery, No. 20, correct.

Corunna Commandery, No. 21, correct.

Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, correct.

Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23, no returns.

St. Johns Commandery, No. 24, correct.

Lansing Commandery, No. 25, correct.

As to Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, the returns are so made that we are unable to determine whether or not the proper amount of money is paid in, and we therefore recommend that the returns be referred back to the Commandery, and a new return required.

[No. 8 since corrected. GRAND RECORDER.]

E. N. HARRIS,
C. T. HILLS,
J. D. HANSCOM,
Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight Atwater:

Resolved, That subordinate Commanderies receiving charters at the present Conclave may hold an election for officers at their next regular Conclave.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following supplementary report, which, under the rules, was laid over one year for action:

To the Grand Commandery of Michigan:

Your Committee on Dispensations and Charters, to whom was referred back that part of their report relating to the application for a charter of certain Sir Knights from Battle Creek, begs leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Sec. 4, Art. 2, of the statutes of the Grand Commandery, be amended by adding thereto the following proviso·

Provided, That this Grand Commandery, by a majority vote, may dispense with said recommendation.

A. T. METCALF,
O. L. SPAULDING,
L. H. RANDALL,
Committee.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing Representatives near other jurisdictions, reported as follows:

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of the appointment of Representatives by this Grand Commandery to represent it in other Grand Commanderies, would respectfully report:

That the brief time given us to present our views makes it impossible to present them in a manner satisfactory to our own minds in the matter.

We can only, therefore, offer such views as seem to present themselves on the instant, and trust the forbearance of the Grand Commandery for the deficiency, or to their permission to consider the subject more fully during the recess of the Grand Commandery, and report at a future Conclave.

Your committee admit that examples occur in Masonic history where Grand Masonic Bodies, in countries distant from each other, have sometimes sought more intimate associations by sending some distinguished member from one Grand Jurisdiction to represent them in another, and to present their fraternal regards. We are not only satisfied that these friendly missions are commendable but fully Masonic in spirit.

It cannot but be observed that circumstances under which we are placed vary materially from those under which the Representative system has heretofore been acted upon.

Many Sir Knights in every jurisdiction are receiving from time to time the printed reports of the doings of Masonic Bodies all over the continent. Masonic publications are scattered broadcast. Information is, by these and other means,

spread over the entire country. All this is done without any considerable expense, and without any show, but with great practical effect, and we content ourselves with simply saying that we cannot recommend the Grand Commandery of Michigan to adopt the system of representation.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. FISKE,
WM. COLBRATH,
S. C. RANDALL,
Committee.

Which report, after some discussion, was accepted and adopted.

Sir Knight Look moved that a committee of five, of which the E. Grand Recorder shall be chairman, be appointed to correct the work of this Grand Jurisdiction in accordance with the report of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, adopted at this morning's session, which was adopted, and Sir Knights H. M. Look, J. L. Mitchell, A. T. Metcalf and H. McCurdy, with the Grand Recorder, appointed as such committee.

The Grand Recorder was authorized to insert in the published proceedings Commanderies who may report after this Conclave.

The following preamble and resolution was discussed, and not adopted:

WHEREAS, Sir E. I. Garfield has perfected a system of tactics and drill which has been this day adopted by this Grand Commandery, and which ought to be promulgated at as early a period as is consistent; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Sir Garfield be requested to cause to be published a sufficiently large edition to furnish each Commandery at least twenty copies, said copies to be delivered to the Grand Recorder, and be by him furnished the several Commanderies upon the payment by said Commanderies of the cost price, and when said work shall be ready for delivery, the Grand Recorder shall cause the same to be paid for at the cost of publication, and that all subsequent copies required by this Grand Commandery for the use of its subordinates shall be furnished at cost price by Sir Knight Garfield, he retaining the right to publish for general sale the work as fully as if the same was a private enterprise.

On motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble—

Resolved, That Sir Knight Garfield be permitted to copyright and publish the drill, as adopted by this Grand Commandery, and that the Grand Recorder purchase and forward to each Commandery in this State fifteen copies of the same.

Adopted.

On motion, the Grand Recorder was authorized and directed to purchase for the use of, and to become the property of this Grand Body, a full set of jewels, and full discretion and authority are given him by this Grand Commandery to contract for the same.

The Grand Recorder was, on motion, authorized to publish the usual number of copies of proceedings, also to correspond with foreign jurisdictions nominating Representatives near this Grand Commandery, acknowledging courtesies, and hoping the same courteous and fraternal feeling may continue to exist.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, prayer being offered by the Grand Prelate for protection and guidance.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Since the last Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, we have received the proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies, viz.:

ALABAMA—December 2, 1869.
CONNECTICUT—May 13, 1869.
GEORGIA—April 27, 1869.
ILLINOIS—October 26, 1869.
IOWA—October 19, 1869.
KANSAS—October 27, 1868, and October 18, 1869.
KENTUCKY—June 10, 1869.
LOUISIANA—February 12, 1869, and February 18. 1870.
MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND—Year ending October 30, 1869.
MISSISSIPPI—January 22, 1870.
MINNESOTA—June 24, 1869.
MISSOURI—October 5, 1869.
MAINE—May 5, 1869.
NEW HAMPSHIRE—September 29, 1868, and September 28, 1869.
NEW YORK—October 5, 1869.
NEW JERSEY—September 7, 1869.
OHIO—October 14, 1869.
PENNSYLVANIA—June 8, 1869.
TEXAS—June 14, 1869.
VERMONT—January 8, 1869.
VIRGINIA—December 16, 1869.
WISCONSIN—January 19, 1870.

ALABAMA.

Tenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Montgomery, December 2, 1869. Present, R. E. Sir Peleg Brown, G. C. Seven Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander's address is confined to local matters. No report on correspondence. The Grand Recorder, in a note, says, "that owing to unavoidable causes which prevented its completion at the opening of our Conclave, still exist, and was compelled to go to press without the report." Sir Peleg Brown, R. E. G. C., of Mobile, and Sir Edmund M. Hastings, of Montgomery, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

The Annual Conclave, held in the city of New Haven, May 13, 1869. Present, R. E. Sir Amos S. Treat, G. C. Nine Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander, in his address, says: "Peace and harmony have reigned within our Asylums, and prosperity abounds within our gates—having been informed that one hundred worthy companions have been knighted in the several subordinate Commanderies under our Jurisdiction." The report on correspondence is from the pen of the venerable Sir E. G. Storer, Grand Recorder; an excellent report of the proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies, our own among the number. Sir A. S. Treat, of Bridgeport, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir E. G. Storer, of New Haven, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

GEORGIA.

The Eighth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held in the city of Augusta, April 27, 1869, R. E. Sir Thomas W. Chandler, G. C., presiding. Seven Commanderies represented. The address of the Grand Commander is short, and relating to local matters only. No report on correspondence. The Grand Recorder, in his report, says he "has received the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Commanderies" (ours included). Sir Thos. W. Chandler, of Atlanta, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Charles R. Armstrong, of Macon, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

ILLINOIS.

Thirteenth Annual Conclave, held in the city of Chicago, October 26, 1869, R. E. Sir Jerome R. Gorin, G. C., presiding. Twenty-seven Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander, in his address, says:

—"The length of another year has unwound itself from the great spool of time, and has dropped into the ocean of years that are past, and we are entering upon the threshold of another with high hopes of prosperity. The year just passed has been one of great quiet; peace has reigned triumphant throughout our borders." He granted three dispensations to form new Commanderies, to be located at Jacksonville, Augusta and Kankakee. Committee on Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Commanderies, ours for 1868 included. We clip from the conclusion of the report the following statistics: "There are under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States twenty-six Grand Commanderies, with a membership of 23,483, of which 3,628 have been added the past year." Sir Charles E. Munger, of Joliet, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and E. Sir James H. Miles, of Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

IOWA.

Sixth Annual Conclave, held October 19, 1869, at Mount Pleasant. R. E. Sir Robert F. Bower, G. C. Fourteen Commanderies represented. G. C. Bower's address is brief, relating to his official acts principally. He issued dispensations for four new Commanderies. Visited seven of the fourteen subordinates of his Jurisdiction; lectured and practiced them in the work and drill. Report on correspondence is from the pen of Sir Knight Guilbert, who reviews in a very elaborate manner the proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies, ours of the number. Sir R. F. Bowen, Keokuk, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir W. B. Langridge, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected. Seventh Annual Conclave will be held at the city of Clinton, on the third Tuesday, 18th October, 1870.

KANSAS.

We have the proceedings of the Convention held in the city of Lawrence, October 21, 1868, to organize the Grand Commandery. Four Commanderies took part. Also of the First Grand Conclave, held December 29, 1868, including the laws and regulations adopted. Sir Knight W. O. Gould was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight E. T. Carr, Grand Recorder. Also the proceedings of the First Annual Conclave, held in the city of Leavenworth, October 18, 1869, Sir W. O. Gould, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. Three subordinates represented. Grand Commander Gould, in his opening address, says:

"While the few months that have passed since our organization have not been marked with anything of especial interest to our Order generally, it is gratifying to know that success attends our banners wherever unfurled, and that the Order was never in more prosperous condition than at the present time." Sir J. H. Brown, for the Committee on Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of ten Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment of the United States (Michigan of the number), and closes by congratulating the Sir Knights on the prosperity of our Christian and magnanimous Order—east, west, north and south, all seems to be well. Sir W. O. Gould, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir E. T. Carr, E. Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY.

The Twenty-second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in the city of Lexington, June 10, 1869, R. E. Sir John M. Morrall, presiding. Eight Commanderies represented. R. E. Grand Commander says: "I have had the pleasure, since your last Annual Conclave, of visiting most of the subordinate Commanderies." He granted one dispensation for the formation of a Commandery at Newport. Sir William C. Munger presents a very elaborate, interesting and valuable report on foreign correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of ten Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment of the United States, from which we should, if time permitted, quote very fully; but we cannot pass without quoting from the conclusion. He says: "Thus our labors for another year have ended. We hope the reader, who has followed us through all the pages of our report, may feel repaid for his patient attention, and be willing to overlook the imperfections of the writer. Right well, Sir Knights, do we feel repaid, and long and often can we sit, even until the wee small hours of morn, gleaning and culling the sweet morsels." R. E. Sir Rev. John M. Norrall, of Covington, Grand Commander, and E. Sir William C. Munger, of Louisville, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

LOUISIANA.

Seventh Annual Conclave held in the city of New Orleans, February 18, 1870. Sir J. P. Hornor, R. E. Grand Commander. Three Commanderies represented. The address of the Grand Commander is brief, and devoted to matters of local interest. He notices the death of Sir Stephen Starr Sellech, Grand Captain of the Guards of the Grand

Commandery since its organization. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and a monumental tablet commemorate his name and rank. Committee on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Commanderies, Michigan not of the list. The report is a very full and able review, and closes by saying: "The proceedings under review bear ample testimony to the flourishing condition and unprecedented prosperity of Templar Masonry." Sir Joseph Potts Hornor, R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Gustavus Sontag, E. Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Encampment for the year ending October 30, 1869. The Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly was held in the city of Providence, Rhode Island, October 29, 1869. M. E. Sir William W. Baker, Grand Master. Twenty-six Encampments represented. The committee on the subject of nomenclature, appointed at the last Annual Assembly, reported at the Semi-Annual Assembly held in May, 1869, the following order: That the Constitution of this Grand Encampment be so altered and amended as to conform in its nomenclature, and in all other respects to the provisions and requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States. Report received and laid over until the Annual Assembly, and then adopted. The E. Grand Recorder acknowledges the receipt of proceedings of fourteen Grand Commanderies the past year, Michigan included. Return of subordinates, September 30, 1869, shows the Grand Commandery has twenty-seven subordinates. There were during the past year created, 450; dimitted, 64; deceased 31; suspended, 15; expelled, 3. Total membership, 3,428. Sir Benjamin Dean, of Boston, Mass., was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, E. Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI.

Held in the city of Jackson, January 22, 1870. Sir John K. Fulson, R. E. Grand Commander. Six subordinate Commanderies represented. Grand Commander, in his address, says: "I have no flattering report to make of the condition of Templar Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. I regret to say that, from my observations, the zeal for the Knightly orders seems to be on the decline. Why is this? There is nothing purer or better calculated to make man live as he should live

to be prepared to meet his Maker and Judge than the important and impressive lessons taught in our rituals. I greatly fear we do not live up to our profession as Templars; that we do not let our light so shine before men as to induce others, seeing our good works, to glorify our Father in Heaven." Sir Wm. S. Patton submitted the Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of sixteen Grand Commanderies (Michigan included), and also the Grand Encampment of the United States. Sir Charles T. Bond, of New Albany, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir J. L. Power, of Jackson, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

Fourth Annual Conclave held in the city of Mankato, June 24, 1869. Sir James M. Cole, R. E. Grand Commander. Five subordinate Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander informed the Sir Knights present that he had not prepared an address, but reported that he had granted to Damascus Commandery, No. 1, his dispensation, said Commandery having lost their charter by fire April 21, 1868. Sir S. Y. McMasters, chairman of the committee, submits the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Commanderies in a courteous and able manner, ours of the number. Sir E. D. B. Porter, of Mankato, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir George A. Savory, of Minneapolis, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.

Held in the city of St. Louis, October 5, 1869. Sir James F. Algar, R. E. Grand Commander. Representatives from eight subordinates. Grand Commander's address is brief, and relating to local matters. He granted four dispensations during the year for new Commanderies. Sir George Frank Gouley reviewed the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Commanderies, also the Grand Encampment of the United States, in his usual happy manner. We almost regret that we attempted our report in alphabetical order, for had we commenced with Missouri, we find so much we want to copy, that we should, we fear, have made our entire report from the one review, but our time will not permit us to say one word. Sir James F. Algar, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir George Frank Gouley, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected, both of St. Louis.

MAINE.

Held at Portland, May 5, 1869. R. E. Moses Dodge, Grand Commander. Eleven subordinate Commanderies represented. Grand Commander Dodge, in his address, says he has "had the pleasure of visiting every Commandery within our Jurisdiction, with one exception," and pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of R. E. Sir Knight John Williams, of Bangor, Past Grand Commander, who died June 16, 1868. Sir Josiah H. Drummond submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment of the United States. Michigan is courteously noticed, noting our remarks upon the rapid increase of members, and heartily coincides with our views on the subject. Sir Charles H. McLellan, of Bath, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Ira Berry, of Portland, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Held in Concord, September 29, 1868. Sir Charles A. Tufts, R. E. Grand Commander. Nine subordinate Commanderies represented. The address of the Grand Commander was brief, and related to his official acts. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty Grand Bodies, Michigan not of the number. Sir Henry O. Kent, of Lancaster, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Horace Chase, of Hopkinton, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in the city of Buffalo, October 5, 1869, V. E. Sir Henry C. Preston, as R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. Thirty-one Commanderies represented. Grand Commander Sir John A. Lefferts, in his address, says: "It is with pride of no common order that I again assure you that harmony and peace and good will have reigned throughout the past year in our Jurisdiction." He granted four dispensations to form new Commanderies, and says: "When I first entered this body some years ago, I heard the sentiment from the lips of those whom I had learned to look upon as the sages of the Order, that it should not grow too fast, and that a spirit of strict conservatism should rule the actions of those entrusted with its powers. I humbly dissented then, and have had no

cause to change my opinion since." And says he should have granted others had application been made, being actuated by a strong and fervent belief that Templar Masonry is destined to be a great power in our land. Its code of ethics are second to none; its teachings are an epitome of true religious faith, and in every town and hamlet wherever one will live, let us plant the banner of the Cross, and by its sign conquer the love and esteem of all. (In which we fully coincide.) He announces the appointment of twenty-three representatives near corresponding Grand Bodies, and says: "I believe that good results will come from this plan." And gives as one instance the result of the appointment of Sir Albert G. Goodall, as foreign representative near all the Grand Bodies of Masonic Knighthood, presenting to the Grand Commandery a letter dated London, September, 1869, containing the account of the treatise of alliance between the Grand Bodies of Templars of England, Scotland and Ireland, laws, rituals, etc., etc. Sir John W. Simons presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Commanderies; our for 1868, in which he gives us a few dry knocks, but we are used to it, and can stand it. We would like to quote very much from this able report, but time and space will not allow us. There are forty-one Commanderies; created this year, 784; admitted, 24; reinstated, 10; withdrawn, 150; suspended, 62; expelled, 3; died, 45. Total number of members, 4,737. Receipts, $3,892.75. Sir Henry Clay Preston, of Binghampton, elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Robert Macoy, of New York, re-elected E. Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

Held in the city of Trenton, September 7, 1879. Sir John Wolverton, R. E. Grand Commander. Ten Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander's address is brief, and relates to local duties mostly. He granted one dispensation to form a new Commandery. The report on correspondence is from the pen of Sir T. J. Corson, who, in his usual elaborate and beautiful manner, reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Bodies, including the Grand Encampment of the United States. Sir Isaac A. Nichols, of Newark, elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir T. J. Corson, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder. Ten Commanderies; four hundred and eighty-seven members.

OHIO.

Held in the city of Cleveland, October 14, 1869, Sir Heman Ely, R. E. Grand Commander, presiding. He says in his address: "At no time since the organization of this Grand Commandery have its members assembled in Annual Conclave under more favorable circumstances, or with more encouraging prospects than this occasion." He granted dispensations for six new Commanderies. Committee on Correspondence reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Commanderies; Michigan, for 1868, of the number, has honorable notice. Sir Heman Ely, of Elyria, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir J. D. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, E. Grand Recorder. Twenty-two Commanderies; one thousand five hundred and twenty-six members.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Sixteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in the city of Erie, June 8, 1869. Sir John Vallerchamp, R. E. Grand Commander. Thirty-one Commanderies represented. R. E. Grand Commander's address is very brief, and relating to official duties performed. Sir James H. Hopkins gives us a very interesting and valuable report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of nineteen Grand Bodies, including the Grand Encampment of the United States, from which we should, if time and space allowed, like to quote extensively. Sir James H. Hopkins was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Alfred Creigh, E. Grand Recorder. A public installation of the Grand Officers was held at Farrar Hall. Grand Commander Hopkins, on being duly obligated, delivered a very eloquent address, from which we cannot desist from quoting the following: "Each of you carries upon his person the hallowed emblem of our Order; let each see to it that in his person, by no act or word, he brings reproach upon that emblem, contempt upon our Order, or dishonor upon himself." We heartily concur in these sentiments. Also, Rev. Sir J. R. Dimm, Grand Prelate, delivered a very interesting and instructive address upon the origin, object, dangers and duties of our Order. We would like to insert it in full, but time and space will not allow.

TEXAS.

Held in the city of Houston, June 14, 1869. Sir Peter W. Gray, R. E. Grand Commander. The address of the R. E. Grand Commander is a model document, and we regret we have not room for extracts. Sir

Knight Philip C. Tucker, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of nineteen Grand Commanderies, Michigan of the number. His report is mostly devoted to the controversy between the Grand Commandery of Missouri and the A. and A. rite, of which we take no part. Sir W. B. Botts was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Robert Brewster E. Grand Recorder. Texas has six subordinate Commanderies; 242 members.

VERMONT.

Held in the city of Burlington, June 8, 1869. Sir Russell S. Taft, R. E. Grand Commander. Representatives from every Commandery under its jurisdiction. The address of the Grand Commander is mostly of an official character. He says: "Seldom have our annual gatherings been saddened by so long a death-roll;" and pays a beautiful tribute to the memory of eleven Sir Knights "who, having performed the pilgrimage of life, have passed to that abode on high where the weary cease from their labors, and are at rest forever." Sir T. F. Stuart, for the Committee on Correspondence, briefly reviews the proceedings of nineteen Grand Commanderies, Michigan included, and gives us, in conclusion, a statistical report of twenty-four Grand Commanderies for 1868 and 1869, as follows: Number of Commanderies, 310; number created during the year, 3,463. Total membership, 21,495. Sir Russell S. Taft, of Burlington, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, E. Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Commandery met in Annual Conclave in the city of Richmond, December 16, 1869. Sir John R. McDaniel, R. E. Grand Commander. Nine subordinates were represented. Committee on Foreign Correspondence very briefly acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of sixteen Grand Bodies, ours of the number. Grand Commander's address is very short, and of local interest. He very touchingly announced the death of R. E. Grand Commander E. H. Gill Sir J. R. McDaniel, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir John Dove, E. Grand Recorder, were each re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Eleventh Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was held in the city of Milwaukee, January 19, 1870, R. E. William H. Hiner, Grand Commander, presiding. Seven Commanderies represented. The

Grand Commander's address is short, briefly recounting his official acts, which, he says, have been neither onerous nor unpleasant. He visited in person all the subordinate bodies within their jurisdiction, and found them in a satisfactory condition, with a single exception; and recommends that the statutes be amended, or a standing resolution adopted, requiring the subordinate Commanderies to furnish the full equipment for the newly created members, according to the standard regulations, which was referred to a committee, who reported a resolution requiring all subordinates under their jurisdiction to fix the fees for conferring the Orders of Knighthood at a sum sufficient to cover the expense of a uniform, as prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and furnish the same to all Sir Knights when created, which was received and adopted. We congratulate the Sir Knights upon the passage of the resolution. We have worked under the same rules the past three years, and find it does just what is wanted; but we, *i. e.*, our individual subordinate Commandery, in which we hold membership, require a uniform style of dress coat also. The report on correspondence was presented by Sir Knight Harlow Pease, in which he reviews the proceedings of seventeen Grand Bodies, ours courteously noticed. Sir William H. Hiner, of Fond du Lac, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir William T. Palmer, of Milwaukee, E. Grand Recorder, each re-elected.

Having thus looked briefly at the transactions of our co-laborers, it affords us much pleasure to notice the high state of prosperity. Harmony prevails everywhere, and no discordant voices, to disturb the universal peace and tranquility, are heard.

We desire to thank most cordially all our valued correspondents, for many kindnesses received and courtesies freely extended. If in our sphere we have contributed anything for the good of the Order, our highest expectations have been attained; and although the writer is fully sensible of shortcomings and omissions, yet long service entitles him to some apology from his "fraters," and when the performance of the duties of Grand Recorder shall have passed into other hands, he hopes his other urgent public and private avocations will enable him to spare a moment to renew old acquaintance with "*foreign correspondents.*"

OLIVER BOURKE,

For the Committee.

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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

For the Year 1871.

The Fifteenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan assembled at the Asylum of Detroit Commandery, on Tuesday, June 6, A. D. 1871, A. O. 753, at 7 o'clock P. M. Present:

Sir JOHN L. MITCHELL, R. E. Grand Commander.
DAVID BOVEE, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
LEWIS C. STARKEY, E. Grand Generalissimo.
ISRAEL COGSHALL, E. Grand Prelate.
JOHN A. BARNS, *as* E. Grand Senior Warden.
IRVING M. SMITH, E. Grand Junior Warden.
WM. BARCLAY, E. Grand Treasurer.
OLIVER BOURKE, E. Grand Recorder.
S. C. RANDALL, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
E. M. STEVENS, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
C. E. GRISSON, E. Grand Warder.
WM. V. GRIFFITH, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The attendance of representatives from subordinate Jurisdictions and of visitors was unusually large and distinguished.

The Grand Recorder informed the Right Eminent that more than three-fourths of the Commanderies within the State had handed in

their representative papers and were in attendance. The Grand Commandery of Michigan was opened in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, solemn and impressive prayer having been offered to the Great Ruler of the Universe for protection to the assembly, individually and collectively, for Divine guidance in their deliberations for the good of the Masonic institution and their endeavors to disseminate peace and good will to men.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, the printed proceedings having been distributed to the different Commanderies, Grand Officers and others interested, and a sufficient number of spare copies for use of the Conclave on the Grand Recorder's desk.

The Grand Commandery then proceeded to the regular order of business, and first in order the Right Eminent Grand Commander appointed Sirs John A. Barns, S. C. Randall and Alfred Bixby a Committee on Credentials, to report to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

On motion, the Grand Commandery took a recess, to assemble, by order of the Right Eminent, at nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 7—9 o'clock A. M.

The Right Eminent called the Grand Commandery to order, opening the day's proceedings with prayer by the Eminent Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following list of representatives and delegates to the Grand Commandery, viz.:

Your Committee on Credentials, having examined the returns and proxies of the several subordinate Commanderies, beg leave to report the following list of members and representatives entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

GRAND OFFICERS—

John L. Mitchell, R. E. G. C.
D. Bovee, V. E. D. G. C.
L. C. Starkey, E. G. G.
E. I. Garfield, E. G. C. G.
Israel Cogshall, E. G. P.
Carlos G. Curtiss, E. G. S. W.
Irving M. Smith, E. G. J. W.

Wm. Barclay, E. G. T.

Oliver Bourke, E. G. R.

S. C. Randall, E. G. Stand. B.

E. M. Stevens, E. G. Sword B.

C. E. Grisson, E. G. W.

W. V. Griffith, E. G. C. of G.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS—

W. P. Innes.

John Clark.

G. B. Noble.

N. P. Jacobs.

L. R. Atwater.

Benj. Porter.

Frank Darrow.

S. L. Dart.

J. H. Armstrong.

E. D. Benedict.

T. A. Flower.

DETROIT COMMANDERY, No. 1—

John A. Barns, E. C.

J. P. Fiske, G.

E. I. Garfield, C. G.

T. H. Armstrong, P. E. C.

A. G. Hibbard, P. E. C.

PONTIAC COMMANDERY, No. 2—

H. M. Look, E. C.

John P. Foster, G.

S. S. Mathews, C. G.

EUREKA COMMANDERY, No. 3—

George C. Munro, proxy for E. C. and G.

T. M. Silver, proxy for C. G.

ADRIAN COMMANDERY, No. 4—

J. W. Finch, E. C.

Robert C. Stewart, G.

Fred Hart, C. G.

W. F. King, P. E. C.

De Molai Commandery, No. 5—

L. H. Randall, E. C.

E. S. Pierce, G.

H. N. Moore, C. G.

J. W. Champlin, P. E. C.

Romeo Commandery, No. 6—

Chas. W. Loud, proxy for E. C.

Abijah E. Palmer, G.

I. D. Hanscomb, C. G.

Port Huron Commandery, No. 7—

E. W. Harris, E. C. and proxy for C. G.

Wm. Stowe, proxy for G.

Peninsular Commandery, No. 8—

Frank Henderson, E. C.

Henry J. Brownell, G.

W. J. Hardy, C. G.

C. H. Brown, P. E. C.

T. C. Brownell, P. E. C.

Jackson Commandery, No. 9—

H. F. Knapp, E. C.

B. F. Eggleston, G.

S. H. Babcock, C. G.

Benjamin Porter, P. E. C.

Jacobs Commandery, No. 10—

M. Mansfield, proxy for E. C.

George Firth, proxy for G.

R. G. Chandler, C. G.

F. J. Eddy, P. E. C.

S. L. Dart, P. E. C.

O. C. Graham, P. E. C.

Ionia Commandery, No. 11—

J. H. Kidd, E. C.

F. Hall, G.

F. S. Hutchinson, C. G.

Niles Commandery, No. 12—

John Woodruff, E. C. and proxy for G. and C. G.

R. W. Landon, P. E. C.

ANN ARBOR COMMANDERY, No. 13—

S. M. Webster, E. C.
L. C. Risdon, G.
Thomas F. Hill, C. G.
Charles H. Richmond, P. E. C.

FENTON COMMANDERY, No. 14—

Josiah Buckbee, E. C.
Hugh McCam, G.
Wm. E. Smith, proxy for C. G.
Wm. Colbrath, P. E. C.

GENESEE VALLEY COMMANDERY, No. 15—

S. C. Randall, E. C.
Wm. Clark, G.
George H. Durand, C. G.
J. B. Hamilton, P. E. C.

ST. BERNARD COMMANDERY, No. 16—

Irving M. Smith, E. C.
M. L. S. Lenheim, G.
George Lockley, C. G.
M. C. T. Plessner, P. E. C.

MARSHALL COMMANDERY, No. 17—

E. S. Bronson, E. C.
E. W. Cook, G.
John Adams, proxy for C. G.
John F. Vernor, P. E. C.

COLUMBIA COMMANDERY, No. 18—

Lyman Nolton, E. C.
Isaac Sides, proxy for G.
Wm. G. Cummins, C. G.
R. H. Morrison, P. E. C.

MONROE COMMANDERY, No. 19—

H. Shaw Noble, E. C.
G. R. Hurd, G.
F. A. Nims, proxy for C. G.
A. I. Sawyer, P. E. C.

JOHN CLARK COMMANDERY, No. 20—

John Clark, E. C.

R. H. Jenks, G.

Simeon B. Brown, C. G.

CORUNNA COMMANDERY, No. 21—

Spencer B. Raynale, proxy for E. C., G. and C. G.

MUSKEGON COMMANDERY, No. 22—

L. R. Atwater, proxy for E. C., G. and C. G.

PILGRIM COMMANDERY, No. 23—

Charlie Gay, E. C.

Ceylon C. Fuller, G.

Elias O. Rose, C. G.

W. F. Latimer, P. E. C.

ST. JOHNS COMMANDERY, No. 24—

O. L. Spaulding, E. C.

Henry P. Adams, proxy for G.

C. E. Grisson, C. G.

LANSING COMMANDERY, No. 25—

A. Bixby, E. C., and proxy for G. and C. G.

BAY CITY COMMANDERY, No. 26—

Chas. E. Beers, proxy for E. C., G. and C. G.

R. J. Carney, P. E. C.

LEXINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 27—

Geo. Smith, E. C.

Arthur M. Clark, G.

Wm. T. Jenney, C. G.

HOWELL COMMANDERY, No. 28—

S. F. Hubbell, E. C.

M. L. Gay, G.

H. M. Spencer, C. G.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BARNS,

L. H. RANDALL,

ALFRED BIXBY,

Committee.

On motion of Sir Knight Atwater the report of the committee was accepted and adopted, and the committee and Grand Recorder authorized to make additions and alterations wherever required by new facts presented.

The Grand Commander then read his annual address, which, on motion of Sir Knight Bourke, was referred to a committee of three to apportion, consisting of Sirs Richmond, Munro and Atwater.

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

Once more in the progress of the years, are we permitted in health and peace, to gather in Annual Conclave, around our knightly altar. During the year, the earth has yielded liberally to the labor of the husbandman, business has flourished, the arts have advanced, and throughout our borders prosperity and content are shedding their genial influence; and for this let us give acknowledgment to Him who doeth all things well.

During the official year just passed, aside from the healthy progress of the Order, no marked event has occurred to call for particular notice. At your last Annual Conclave, you granted charters for three Commanderies, one at Bay City, to be known as Bay City Commandery, No. 26; at Lexington, to be known as Lexington Commandery, No. 27; and at Howell, to be known as Howell Commandery, No. 28. On the 20th of June last, I instituted Howell Commandery, and installed their officers, Sir S. F. Hubbell as Eminent Commander. I also had the pleasure of witnessing their work. For a new Commandery, they one and all showed an excellent proficiency in the ritual, and will be able at this Conclave to render you a good account of their stewardship.

On the 24th of June, unable myself to attend, Lexington Commandery, No. 27, was instituted and its officers installed, by P. G. C. Sir John Clark, assisted by officers of the Grand Commandery and Eminent Sir Knights of Detroit, Port Huron, and St. Clair Commanderies. In return of his doings, he makes pleasing mention of the kindness and bountiful hospitality with which the representatives of this Grand Body were received by the Sir Knights and their ladies of this new Commandery.

On the first of July, Bay City Commandery, No. 26, was instituted, and its officers installed by Sir Irving M. Smith, Eminent Commander of St. Bernard Commandery. This young Commandery will lay before you evidence of their knightly proficiency and prosperity.

No dispensations for new Commanderies have been issued during the year, though I have been asked if a dispensation would be issued where the location of the proposed Commandery was within the distance as prescribed at your last annual Conclave. I am informed that two petitions of this character will be presented for your action. They should receive a careful consideration.

During the year, a number of questions have been presented for my official consideration, but most of them could have been answered by a careful reference to our Constitution and regulations, or to some standard works on Masonic law, and here let me call your attention to a work on "Masonic Law and Practice," by Eminent Sir H. M. Look, a member of this Grand Body, which devotes a special section to questions arising in Templar Masonry, which work should be in the hands of every Commander in our State.

The following answers I have deemed of sufficient general importance to give a place here.

Question—Can a petition be received at *other* than a regular Conclave, and be acted upon at the next regular?

Answer—No. See regulations of subordinates.

Question—Can there be more than one regular meeting of the Commandery in the month?

Answer—Yes; as many as your by-laws provide for, so they shall occur at least quarterly.

Question—Can a Knight Templar who has not received the order of Malta, visit a Commandery in which the order of Malta is being communicated with that of the Temple?

Answer—No; by an edict of this Grand Body, the orders of the Temple and Malta are permitted to be conferred under the order of the Temple, and until a Sir Knight has received the order of Malta, he could not sit in an Asylum while that order was being conferred.

Sir Knights, the year just closed, within our immediate Jurisdiction, has had nothing to distinguish it from those which have gone before. The usual prosperity of the Order has been ours, and while the regulation passed at your last Annual Conclave, requiring the equipment of all newly created Sir Knights, may have lessened the number made, I am well satisfied that their increased efficiency and power will more than compensate for the loss. I have observed a determination towards a more perfect working of the ritual and drill in all those with whom I have had official intercourse, and it gives me pleasure to thus

acknowledge the cheerful acquiescence of all the Commanderies to the resolutions and edicts you have promulgated.

While within our immediate membership, death has not entered during the year, yet the grim messenger has not passed us all unheedingly, and our Order has been called to suffer from Him who strikes at manhood's prime as well as at the ripened harvest. On the 12th of August last, at his home in Washington, departed this life, that bright Mason and illustrious Sir Knight, Benjamin B. French, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The memory of his many virtues will be ever green in our hearts.

Sir Knights, as Masons, you will remember Brother William M. Fenton, as Past Grand Master of the co-ordinate branch of our Order, the Grand Lodge of Michigan; you will remember him for his kindly courtesy, for his dignified bearing, and for the impartial justice with which he performed every duty of his active life; to know him as a Mason was to love him as a man; though young in our Order, he was old in the practice of our knightly virtues; in the prime of his manhood, in the noon of his useful life, he was struck down, dying with his harness on, working for the good of others. I have just received notice of the death of Sir Knight Wm. A. Kent, P. E. C. of Columbia Commandery, No. 18, who, I am informed, received his Knightly Orders over thirty years ago in Boston. Also, of the death of Rev. Sir W. B. Cook, Prelate of Muskegon Commandery, No. 22. I would recommend that memorial pages in our proceedings be devoted to the memory of these and other Sir Knights who have died during the year.

The question of the appointment of Representatives near our sister Grand Bodies, and your reception of those appointed by other jurisdictions near our own, has heretofore received your attention and disapproval. I am aware that the system has been adopted by a number of Grand Bodies, and has the approval of some of the brightest lights in our Order, yet I have been unable to answer the question—*what good comes of it?* If to confer an honor on a distant frater, the way is roundabout and the honor empty when obtained. To make the office necessary and efficient, there must be points of difference between our neighbors and ourselves, an occurrence, as I believe, unknown to this Grand Body. If its object is to promote a closer, kindlier feeling between the members of our widely disseminated Order, could not some better plan than this be devised to meet the end? If we have need of a Representative to attend to our knightly interests at other

Annual Conclaves, let it be one in fact and not on paper, and who so fit to represent your interests and dignity abroad as those you will hereafter elect to the highest office in your gift. It would add much to the interest of our Annual Conclave, could we have with us the heads of the several Grand Commanderies of the United States; and no occurrence would so tend to promote a harmony of interest, uniformity of Work and general prosperity among Commanderies, as such a gathering at our Annual Conclaves.

In some of our sister Grand Bodies, the question of *recognition as orthodox*, the degrees known as the "Scotch Rite" and the "Rite of Memphis," has caused much disturbance, some going so far as to denounce membership in one or the other of these bodies as a knightly crime worthy of punishment.

By our Grand Constitution we recognize as legitimate the *Ancient and Accepted Rite*, but to nine-tenths of us, these rites are sealed mysteries, and why they are permitted to become apples of discord in our midst, I do not know. In Masonic sequence, we recognize the degrees of the Lodge and Chapter; with the others we have nothing to do, and if an inquiring companion of mine wishes to be inducted into the mysteries of the Scottish or Memphis Rite, providing those Orders see fit to take him, I have no right to object, or to call him to account. As well might we attempt to ostracise Odd Fellowship or Good Templarism, or even church membership, for they are alike outside of and beyond us, having no connection with or recognition of our Knightly Order, only in this, these rites with us recognize the sanctity of the first three degrees of *York Masonry*.

While we recognize *Cryptic Masonry* as worked by the Grand Council of this State, no action has ever been taken to make a possession of these degrees a preparatory to the reception of our Orders. At the last Convocation of the Grand Council of this State, steps were taken looking to this Grand Commandery making the possession of the Council degrees a requirement before conferring on a candidate our Knightly Orders. It is within your province to make such an edict, but it is a question of the greatest importance, and only to be acted on after the most careful consideration.

The question of *Uniformity of Work* within our own jurisdiction, as well as throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, is one to which your attention has been called at every returning Annual Convocation, and will undoubtedly call for consideration for years to

come, and while an entire uniformity in the Esoteric Work and drill of the Orders, is a result earnestly to be wished for, yet it is a consummation my experience tells me is unattainable. Our Work is in the hands of twenty-six Grand Bodies, and more immediately in charge of over three hundred and sixty Eminent Commanders, scattered from Maine to California, and from the Lakes to the Gulf. These men, with their more than one thousand co-workers, have been educated in different schools, have been subject to different influences, have diverse modes of thought and action, and it is not to be expected that they will use a strict uniformity of language in working the same Ritual, nor is it a matter of such profound importance and regret that we have this variation, while the great truths imparted, the lessons taught and secrets revealed, are the same throughout the length and breadth of our jurisdiction. In this connection there is a subject to which I wish to call your attention, and that of my successor; it is that of a more extended personal and official intercourse between the officers of this Grand Body and its subordinates. When I received, through your partiality, the highest office in your gift, I resolved to visit every Commandery in the State, not for their benefit alone, but for my own good in becoming personally acquainted with the Sir Knights, and, by watching their work and wants, to be better enabled faithfully to discharge my official duties to the Order. In this visitation, I was promised and have received the able assistance of E. G. C. G. Sir E. I. Garfield and other eminent Sir Knights, and able workers of our Ritual. I delayed these visits until after the publication of the drill, which unavoidably was at so late a period, as to render it impossible, without neglecting other duties, to fill my list of visitations. I would here bear testimony to the earnest spirit manifested by one and all of the Commanderies visited, and to the true knightly courtesy and hospitality with which we were received. You have given in charge of your Grand Commander the working of the Orders, and through him is the only direct means of intercourse between you and your subordinates, many of whom have never seen work outside of their Asylums, and in the small number of visits I have made, I have seen wherein much good might be done from a more extended fraternal and official intercourse between our members.

I cannot, in justice to my own feelings, omit an allusion to the *banquet* given at the close of our last Annual Conclave by the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery to the members of the Grand Com-

mandery, and to the display made by the Sir Knights in attendance at the public parade and review which took place immediately preceding the banquet. To say that the display was gorgeous beyond anything heretofore witnessed in this Jurisdiction, and was in the highest degree commendable to every Sir Knight who participated, is but the simple truth—and of the *banquet*, that it was got up and conducted in the happy manner for which our Fraters of Detroit are so noted, would be giving it but a moiety of the praise awarded by all present; nor should I omit to mention the parade and banquet given by Genesee Valley Commandery at Flint, in October last, which I had the pleasure of attending, under the escort of the Sir Knights of Detroit Commandery, and which was participated in by the Commanderies from East Saginaw, Bay City and Fenton, and I would here pay a passing tribute to the kind manner in which our wants were supplied by the fair ladies of that city, who in any *Court of Beauty* would wear the palm.

And now, Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, I return to your hands the trust which one year ago you placed in mine. If, during the year I have held it, I have done aught that has resulted in evil or injury to the Order, or to any individual member, no one regrets it more than I. Conscious as I am of my own inability to properly discharge the high trust reposed, I only assumed the duties of the office knowing that kind hearts and hands were around me, to assist in the right, and to pardon error if unknowingly wrought, and looking back over the year, over the years that have passed, I can see much that might have been left undone, and more that should be done, but

"Letting the dead past bury its dead,"

we may look to the future, over which the *cross of our faith* is shedding brighter and brighter light as the years go on, remembering that we are Pilgrim Warriors, fighting the battle of life, not with closed helmet and sharp blade, as our ancestors in the old-time fought, but girded about with panoply of *Justice impartial*, with unfaltering trust and a glorious hope that lives on and forever. Let us give sturdy blows for the Innocent, the Destitute, and our Christian Faith.

Thanking you once more, collectively and individually, for the kind co-operation and courtesy that has been extended in my official and Knightly intercourse with you, let us proceed to the business of our Annual Conclave.

J. L. MITCHELL,

Rt. Em. Commander of the Grand Commandery.

The Right Eminent ordered the ranks to be formed preparatory to hearing a communication from the Grand Master of Templars of the United States, when the Grand Recorder read the following circular to the assembled Sir Knights:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
FROM THE
GRAND MASTER OF TEMPLARS.

To our Right Eminent and Eminent Commanders of the Temple, and to all true and courteous Knights throughout our Jurisdiction:

The illustrious Knight and accomplished gentleman, our Past Grand Master Sir Benjamin Brown French, expired at Washington, in the District of Columbia, this twelfth day of August current.

His life has been renowned by his unswerving attachment to the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free Masonry in all its departments and grades. During a period of six years he presided with distinguished ability over the Templars of the United States of America, and with rare knightly courtesy he adorned the high position of Grand Master. Honored by his brethren, respected by his companions, loved by all his fraters, he passed through years of activity into the quiet serenity of a green old age. His knightly sword, without a stain or tarnish upon its bright surface, has been returned to its scabbard, there forever to rest.

To honor the memory of our departed Knight and Past Grand Master, this order will be read at the head of the lines (the Knights being formed in due array), in all our Grand and Subordinate Commanderies, at the Conclave or Assembly held next after the reception hereof, and our officers of the Grand Encampment, and of our Grand Commanderies, and Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies, will wear crape at the hilt of their swords for six months from the date hereof. Banners will also be trimmed with crape during the same time.

Given at Boston, this twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

WILLIAM SEWELL GARDNER,
Grand Master.

By order of the Grand Master:

JOHN D. CALDWELL,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

To all Subordinate Commanderies of Knights Templar in our Jurisdiction:

With heartfelt sorrow it becomes our duty to communicate the foregoing intelligence of the death of the illustrious Knight, Past Grand Master Sir Benjamin Brown French, and we enjoin on all Commanderies within this jurisdiction a

faithful compliance with the marks of respect and honor to his memory designated in the accompanying circular letter.

By order of

JOHN L. MITCHELL,
R. E. Grand Commander.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

DETROIT, September 1, 1870.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Grand Commander:

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS—

H. M. Look, O. L. Spaulding, B. Porter.

ON FINANCE—

E. W. Harris, John Woodruff, S. M. Webster.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—

George C. Munro, M. Mansfield, E. S. Bronson.

ON JURISPRUDENCE—

G. B. Noble, J. H. Armstrong, W. P. Innes.

ON RETURNS—

George Lockley, H. F. Knapp, Frank Henderson.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—

O. Bourke, S. F. Hubbell.

On motion of Sir Knight Look, the report and resolution of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations relative to amending Art. 2 of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery, was taken from the table.

Sir Knight Cogshall moved the adoption of the resolution. After considerable discussion, the motion, on a division, was lost.

On motion of Sir Knight Morrison—

Resolved, That all visiting Sir Knights in good and regular standing are invited to be present during the Conclave of this Grand Commandery the present session.

The Committee on the R. E. Grand Commander's address made the following report, which, on motion of Sir Knight Noble, was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the annual address of the R. E. Grand Commander for apportionment, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have apportioned and referred the same as follows:

The portion relating to charters and dispensations be referred to the standing Committee on Charters and Dispensations:

That portion relating to the work on Masonic law and practice, by E. Sir H. M. Look; also that portion relating to decisions of questions, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion relating to death of Eminent Sir Knights be referred to a special committee of three.

That portion relating to the appointment of Representatives near other Grand Bodies, be referred to a special committee of three.

That portion relating to Scottish Rite and Rite of Memphis Degrees, and Council Degrees, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted.

C. H. RICHMOND,
G. C. MUNRO,
L. R. ATWATER,
Committee.

The chairman of the Committee on Returns asked for instruction whether Recorders of Subordinate Commanderies should pay dues to the Grand Commandery. After considerable discussion, on motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that Recorders of Subordinates are not liable, under the statutes and regulations, to pay dues.

Sir Knight H. Shaw Noble offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution on page twelve of the printed proceedings of 1870, prohibiting subordinate Commanderies from conferring the Order of the Temple upon any candidate, until such candidate shall procure or deposit the means to procure the proper uniform of the Order, be and the same is hereby repealed.

This resolution led to a prolonged discussion, when, on a vote being taken, it was lost by a large majority.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the annual statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, have examined the same, and find them correct, showing a cash balance now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $1,643.60 at this date, June 7, 1871.

E. W. HARRIS,
JOHN WOODRUFF,
S. M. WEBSTER,
Committee.

The report of this committee was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Spaulding, the election of officers for the ensuing year was made the special order at two o'clock this afternoon.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

OF THE DEATH OF EMINENT SIR KNIGHTS—

S. C. Coffinberry, J. P. Fiske and Irving M. Smith.

ON FOREIGN REPRESENTATION—

W. P. Innes, J. W. Finch and George Smith.

The following resolution was received and laid over one year under the rules:

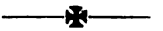
AMENDMENT TO STATUTES—Amend Sec. 4, Art. 1, so as to strike out the words "*in the City of Detroit*," and insert the words "at such place as a majority vote shall determine."

The Art. will then read "The Annual Meeting of this Grand Commandery shall be held at such place as a majority vote shall determine, on the first Tuesday of June of each year, at seven o'clock P. M., at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by ballot. And no person shall be eligible to any office in this Grand Body, unless he shall be at the time a member of some subordinate Commandery under this Jurisdiction."

JOHN GOLDSMITH, JR.
FRANK HENDERSON.

The resolution adopted by the Grand Commandery at its last Conclave, appointing a Committee to Revise and Correct the Work, was, on motion, rescinded and repealed.

The Grand Commandery, by order of the Right Eminent, then took a recess until two o'clock P. M.



WEDNESDAY—2 o'clock P. M.

At the appointed hour the Grand Commandery resumed labor.

The Committee on Returns made their report as follows, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

We, your Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the examination of the several returns made by the subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, would respectfully submit the following:

We have examined said reports and find—

Detroit Commandery, No. 1, correct.
Pontiac Commandery, No. 2, correct.
Eureka Commandery, No. 3, correct.
Adrian Commandery, No. 4, correct.
De Molai Commandery, No. 5, $1 short.
Romeo Commandery, No. 6, correct.
Port Huron Commandery, No. 7, correct.
Peninsular Commandery, No. 8, correct.
Jackson Commandery, No. 9, correct.
Jacobs Commandery, No. 10, correct.
Ionia Commandery, No. 11, correct.
Niles Commandery, No. 12, correct.
Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13, correct.
Fenton Commandery, No. 14, correct.
Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15, correct.
St. Bernard's Commandery, No. 16, correct.
Marshall Commandery, No. 17, correct.
Columbia Commandery, No. 18, correct.
Monroe Commandery, No. 19, correct.
John Clark Commandery, No. 20, correct.
Corunna Commandery, No. 21, correct.
Muskegon Commandery, No. 22, correct.
Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23, 50 cents short.
St. John's Commandery, No. 24, correct.
Lansing Commandery, No. 25, correct.
Bay City Commandery, No. 26, correct.
Lexington Commandery, No. 27, correct.
Howell Commandery, No. 28, correct.

Your committee would recommend that the Grand Recorder be instructed to notify the subordinate Recorders not to place the names of their officers in the body of the roll; and also to consecutively number all the members in the body of the roll. By so doing, it will save your Committee on Returns much work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE LOCKLEY,
W. F. KNAPP,
FRANK HENDERSON,
Committee.

The following communication was received from the "Western Art Association:"

Eminent Grand Commander and Members of the Honorable Order:

You are respectfully invited by the directors of the "Western Art Association" to a view of the works of art on exhibition at their gallery, No. 159 Jefferson avenue

Compliments for this week in 1871.

J. M. STANLEY, *President.*

A. J. BROW, *Secretary.*

DETROIT, June 6, 1871.

The invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Commandery returned for the compliment.

The Committee on Representation submitted the following report, which, after discussion, was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, in relation to the appointment of Representatives by this Grand Commandery to represent it in other Grand Commanderies, would respectfully report: That by referring to last year's proceedings of this Grand Body they find a very able report made on that subject, and one that fully coincides with the views of your present committee; and after giving the subject further consideration, they would respectfully report that as it is the usual custom of the several State Grand Commanderies to send printed copies of their proceedings to sister State Grand Commanderies; and inasmuch as all the State Grand Commanderies are subordinate to the General Grand Encampment of the United States, who settles all disputes, and legislates for the good of all; and as the Representatives have no power, not even a voice, in the deliberations of any Grand Body in the capacity of such representation, your committee fail to see any possible good that can result from the system of representation as practiced by sister jurisdictions.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. INNES,
JOHN W. FINCH,
GEORGE SMITH,
Committee.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported as follows, which report was accepted and adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that but two original applications for charters have been referred to them thus far, namely, from Sir Knights at Battle Creek for a new Commandery at Battle Creek, and from Sir Knights at Three Rivers for a new Commandery at Three Rivers.

In the matter of the application for a new Commandery at Battle Creek, the petition is not accompanied by the recommendation of the nearest (nor indeed of any) Commandery, as required by Sec. 4 of Art. 3 of the Constitution of this Grand Commandery, and your committee having, therefore, no authority to consider the same, do hereby report the same back without recommendation.

In the matter of the application for a new Commandery at Three Rivers, the facts, as your committee have ascertained them from the papers submitted, and from the statements of Sir Knights and witnesses present upon both sides of the issue, are as follows: Three Rivers is now within the jurisdiction of Columbia Commandery, No. 18, located at Sturgis, which is within six miles of the south line of the State. These two towns are distant from each other sixteen and a half miles, in a direct line, and have each a population of about twenty-five hundred. A new Commandery at Three Rivers would take mainly from the territory of Columbia Commandery. There are now four Chapters within the jurisdiction of Columbia Commandery. If a new Commandery should be located at Three Rivers, it would have four Chapters within its jurisdiction, three of which would be taken from Columbia Commandery, leaving that Commandery but a single Chapter, with a Chapter membership of sixty odd, and two subordinate Lodges.

The petition is regular in form, and is signed by twenty-seven Sir Knights, out of a membership of sixty-six. It is accompanied by the recommendation of Columbia Commandery in proper form, adopted at a regular Conclave, held May 12, 1871, when thirty-eight Sir Knights were present, a number voting in the negative, but a fair majority voting in the affirmative. On the second day of June, 1871, a special Conclave of Columbia Commandery was held, pursuant to the following summons:

ASYLUM OF COLUMBIA COMMANDERY, No. 18, K. T.
STURGIS, MICHIGAN, May 26, 1871.

To Sir Knight ——:

You are hereby summoned to appear at a special Conclave of Columbia Commandery, No. 18, K. T., to be held in their Asylum, at Sturgis, Michigan, on Friday, June 2, 1871, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the application of Sir Knights from Three Rivers, Michigan, for a new Commandery at that place. By order of

Sir LYMAN NOLTON, Jr., E. C.
Sir ZEBINA H. WALLACE, Genl'mo.
Sir WILLIAM G. CUMMINS, Capt-Gen.
Sir WELLINGTON FORGUS, Prelate.
Sir ISAAC AYRES, Recorder.
Sir DANIEL HAWLEY, Treasurer.
Sir ISAAC SIDES, S. W.
Sir LORING G. BLANCHARD, J. W.
Sir HENRY SEVISON, Warden.

This summons, it appears, was served upon every member of the Commandery, except three or four, service in those cases being prevented by accident or absence. At this Conclave forty-two members were present, and the resolution of recommendation, which had been adopted May 12, was reconsidered, and laid upon the table by a unanimous vote.

In view of all the facts, your committee are of the opinion that the interests of Templar Masonry, in the several localities mentioned, would not be enhanced by the chartering of a new Commandery at Three Rivers. They believe that nearly all the inconvenience now suffered by a portion of the Sir Knights interested might be remedied by a change of the location of Columbia Commandery to some more central and convenient place.

Your committee therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners for a new Commandery at Three Rivers be not granted.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. LOOK,
O. L. SPAULDING,
BENJ. PORTER,
Committee.

By request of visiting Sir Knight S. C. Coffinberry, Sir Knight Look offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Columbia Commandery, No. 18, be permitted to remove the station of said Commandery from Sturgis to Three Rivers, a number of the Sir Knights of said Commandery equal to a majority of all its members assenting thereto by vote at a regular Conclave.

Sir Knight Nolton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Detroit Commandery, No. 1, be requested to confer, during this session of the Grand Commandery, the orders of Knighthood, for the instruction of the Grand Commandery.

Adopted.

The time for election having arrived, the Grand Commandery proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers for the ensuing year, Sir S. C. Randall and A. Bixby having been appointed tellers. The following Grand Officers were elected:

Sir Irving M. Smith, East Saginaw, R. E. Grand Commander.
Sir L. C. Starkey, Kalamazoo, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
Sir O. L. Spaulding, St. Johns, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir E. I. Garfield, Detroit, E. Grand Captain-General.
Sir A. J. Davis, Lansing, E. Grand Prelate.
Sir L. H. Randall, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Senior Warden.
Sir S. C. Randall, Flint, E. Grand Junior Warden.
Sir M. S. Smith, Detroit, E. Grand Treasurer.
Sir Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, E. Grand Recorder.
Sir E. M. Stevens, Fenton, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
Sir C. E. Grisson, St. Johns, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
Sir R. H. Morrison, Sturgis, E. Grand Warder.
Sir W. V. Griffith, Detroit, E. Grand Captain of Guards.

The Sir Knights elect were formed in line by the Grand Marshal, and duly installed and inducted to their several stations.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the R. E. Grand Commander's address relating to the work of E. Sir H. M. Look on Masonic Law and Practice, recommend said work to the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction. That portion relating to questions and decisions on points presented, we find such decisions in accordance with the constitution, laws and edicts of the Order. That portion relating to the several orders therein mentioned, we see no necessity for action by this Grand Body at the present session.

G. B. NOBLE,
W. P. INNES,
J. H. ARMSTRONG,
Committee.

Which report was, on motion, accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Deaths of Sir Knights during the past year made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of expressing the sense of this Grand Body on the deaths of several Eminent Sir Knights of this and other Jurisdictions, offer the following:

(1) *Resolved*, That while we humbly bow to the dispensations of Providence in all things, still we feel deeply impressed with a sense of our loss in the decease of Sir Knight William A. Kent, Past Eminent Commander of Columbia Commandery, No. 18, and while deploring our loss, to pay a just tribute to his memory as a just and upright man, a true friend, a good citizen, a worthy Mason, and a gallant and most courteous Sir Knight of the Order.

(2) That a memorial page be appropriated, and these resolutions be published in our printed proceedings.

WHEREAS, In the wise yet inscrutable providence of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, Most Eminent B. B. French, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, has been called from earth to the Eternal Asylum above; therefore,

(1) *Resolved*, That in this dispensation of Providence this Grand Body recognizes a great loss to the Order of Masonry generally, but more particularly to the chivalric Order of the Temple, which was so long honored by the distinguished intellectual ability, the exalted moral worth, and the untiring labors of the departed to promote the honor, usefulness and prosperity of our Christian Order.

(2) That we deplore the loss from our earthly Asylum of our departed Sir Knight, whose hand was alike ready to dispense the bread of charity and to grasp the sword of justice in defense of virtue and the vindication of the right. A noble Sir Knight has fallen. Honor to his memory and peace to his manes.

(3) That these resolutions be published with the proceedings of this Grand Body, and that a memorial page be appropriated to the memory of Sir Knight B. B. French in the printed proceedings.

WHEREAS, This Grand Body has been called upon to mourn the sudden fall of one of her most noble and most distinguished members—(noble in possessing those native qualities of head and heart that make the good man—distinguished as enlisting and exerting those qualities for the honor of Masonry and the aid of humanity)—Sir Knight William M. Fenton, who, by an unforeseen accident, was suddenly summoned to his eternal rest; therefore,

(1) *Resolved*, That we will fondly cherish the memory of our departed Sir Knight in our hearts.

(2) That while in the civil state we admire in the departed those qualifications which distinguished him as a sound, wise and prudent statesman and jurist, we look with peculiar pride upon those chivalric military attainments which upon the battlefield distinguished him, not only as a gallant Knight, but emphatically the bravest of the brave.

(3) That in his Masonic relations he was the most eminent, because the most deserving of distinction, from his devoted labors and remarkable ability; as friend and brother the most endeared, through his earnest yet simple manners, his genial kindness, his amiable nature, and his warm and devoted attachments.

(4) That as a body we deplore his loss, and sympathize with his bereaved friends under this afflicting dispensation.

(5) That an appropriate memorial page in our printed proceedings shall be preserved to perpetuate the name of Sir Knight William M. Fenton.

S. C. COFFINBERRY,
JOHN P. FISKE,
Committee.

Sir Knight Armstrong moved that the Grand Recorder be paid $75, the Grand Sentinel $15, and Monroe Chapter, for use of hall, $10, and that Grand Officers and Past Grand R. E. Grand Commanders, also one delegate from each subordinate Commandery, be paid $3 per day, and ten cents a mile one way for distance traveled to this meeting, as usual; which was adopted.

On motion of Past R. E. Sir Knight L. R. Atwater,

Resolved, Unanimously, that in consideration of the long and eminently valuable services rendered to this Grand Commandery by Sir Knight Oliver Bourke, our Past Grand Recorder, and Sir Knight William Barclay, our Past Grand Treasurer, to whom is largely due the present prosperous financial condition of this Grand Body, in marked contrast with the empty state of its exchequer when they were elected; therefore, to mark the appreciation of this Grand Body,

Resolved, That Sir Knights Oliver Bourke and William Barclay be and they are hereby elected honorary life members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

Sir Knight H. M. Look moved that a warrant be drawn by the Grand Recorder on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of Sir E. I. Garfield, for $525, being payment for four hundred and twenty copies of his Drill, at $15 per dozen. Adopted.

Sir Knight Irving M. Smith called the attention of the Sir Knights to the invitation received to attend the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, at Baltimore, in September next. The subject was discussed at considerable length, and the Representative officers and several Past Grand Commanders expressed a desire to attend, and hoped they would be able to go, upon which Sir Knight W. P. Innes offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the first four Grand Officers and Grand Treasurer elect of this Grand Body be appointed a committee to make proper arrangements for this Grand Body to visit Baltimore, to attend the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to be held in September next.

Adopted.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder presented their annual reports, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

WILLIAM BARCLAY, Grand Treasurer,
In account with GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN.

1870—June 7.	Cash on hand	$1,225 40
	Cash from Grand Recorder	418 20
1871—June 6.	Balance carried down	$1,643 60
	Balance brought down	$1,643 60

WILLIAM BARCLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

DETROIT, June 6, 1871.

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

O. BOURKE, Grand Recorder,
In account with GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN.

		Dr.
1870—June 7.	Detroit Commandery, No. 1	$ 119 50
	Pontiac Commandery, No. 2	64 50
	Eureka Commandery, No. 3	48 50
	Adrian Commandery, No. 4	85 00
	De Molai Commandery, No. 5	26 00
	Romeo Commandery, No. 6	42 00
	Port Huron Commandery, No. 7	45 00
	Peninsular Commandery, No. 8	108 50
	Jackson Commandery, No. 9	81 00
	Jacobs Commandery, No. 10	41 50
	Ionia Commandery, No. 11	23 00
	Niles Commandery, No. 12	31 00
	Ann Arbor Commandery, No. 13	41 00
	Fenton Commandery, No. 14	64 00
	Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15	45 50
	St. Bernard Commandery, No. 16	46 50
	Marshall Commandery, No. 17	38 50
	Columbia Commandery, No. 18	58 50
	Monroe Commandery, No. 19	13 00
	John Clark Commandery, No. 20	37 00
	Corunna Commandery, No. 21	19 50
	Muskegon Commandery, No. 22	24 50
	Pilgrim Commandery, No. 23	12 00
	St. Johns Commandery, No. 24	59 00
	Lansing Commandery, No. 25	52 50
		$1,227 00

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1870—June 8.	William Barclay (1869), Grand Treasurer	$ 6 00
	M. Mansfield, No. 10	19 00
	H. S. Noble, No. 19	10 00
	Frank Henderson, No. 8	20 40
	S. C. Randall, No. 15	13 00
	O. L. Spaulding, No. 24	16 00
	John Woodruff, No. 12	25 50
	T. F. Hill, No. 13	10 00
	E. N. Harris, No. 7	12 50
	L. R. Atwater, P. E. C.	22 00
	C. T. Hills, No. 22	26 00
	I. Cogshall, G. Chaplain	20 40
	J. D. Hanscom, No. 6	11 50
	Wm. Barclay (1870), G. Treasurer	6 00
	Hugh McCurdy (1870), No. 21	13 50
	Irving M. Smith, No. 16	16 00
	Alfred Bixby, No. 25	17 80
	Hugh McCurdy (1869) No. 21	13 50
	Lewis C. Starkey, G. Captain General	20 50
	John L. Mitchell, G. Commander	13 60
	J. B. Tomlinson, No. 9	13 60
	L. H. Randall, No. 5	22 00
	E. M. Stevens, G. Warden	11 00
	Lyman Nolton, Jr., No. 18	21 60
	Wm. Colbrath, No. 14	11 00
	John Clarke, P. G. C.	13 00
	Robert H. Jenks, No. 20	13 00
	Benj. Porter, P. G. C.	13 60
	J. H. Armstrong, P. G. C.	17 00
	J. Goldsmith, Jr., G. Senior Warden	22 00
	E. S. Brownson, No. 17	16 80
	H. M. Look, No. 2	8 60
	D. Bovee, G. Generalissimo	19 00
	T. A Flower, P. G. C.	8 60
	W. H. Drew, No. 4	13 20
June 9.	W. S. Edwards, No. 3	16 60
20.	G. B. Noble, P. G. C.	6 00
27.	W. V. Griffith, Grand Sentinel	15 00

1870—June 27.	Paid J. R. Perkins, repairing seal	1 50
	Paid Grand Recorder	75 00
	Paid Monroe Chapter, as voted	10 00
	Paid Free Press, printing proceedings	127 50
	Paid postage and stationery, one year	20 00
	Paid Grand Treasurer	418 20
		$1,227 00

O. BOURKE,

Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Irving M. Smith offered a resolution that the Grand Recorder draw a warrant in favor of M. S. Smith & Co. for $1,014.00, the amount of their bill for Grand Commandery jewels furnished, which was, on vote, adopted.

Sir Knight G. B. Noble moved that the jewels of the Grand Commandery be deposited with the Grand Treasurer, to be delivered to the several officers only when attending on their official duties as such officers, which was adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Garfield—

Resolved, That the Captain General procure a battle flag for use of the Grand Commandery, provided they go to Baltimore.

Sir Knight Barns suggested that, in consideration of the small attendance of Sir Knights, many having already left for home, the vote requesting Detroit Commandery, No. 1, to exemplify the Work and drill be reconsidered.

On motion of Sir Knight Atwater, the vote was accordingly reconsidered.

Sir Knight O. Bourke, on behalf of the committee appointed by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, introduced a resolution, and advocated its adoption, that the Royal and Select Masters degrees should be pre-requisite to receiving a petition for the Templar degrees; when, on motion of Sir Knight G. B. Noble, the following resolution was received and laid over one year under the statutes and regulations:

Resolved, That Art. 5, Sec. 1. of the Constitution, be amended by adding, after the words "Royal Arch," the words "and Royal and Select Masters."

Sir Knight Garfield moved that the thanks of this Grand Commandery are hereby given to Right Eminent Sir Knight John L. Mitchell for

the able and courteous manner in which he has performed the duties of Grand Commander. Adopted.

On motion of Sir Knight Bourke, the usual number of proceedings were ordered to be published and distributed.

There being no further business, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan was then closed in AMPLE AND KNIGHTLY FORM, solemn and impressive prayer having been offered by the Eminent Grand Chaplain.

O. BOURKE,
Grand Recorder.

N. B.—It is particularly requested that Recorders of subordinate Commanderies will comply with the orders of the Grand Commandery "not to include the officers with the roll of members," and to prefix the consecutive numbers from one to the names of members on the list.

GRAND RECORDER

REPORT

—OF THE—

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to make the following report of the proceedings of the following Grand Commanderies, with the dates thereof:

GEORGIA—May 27, 1870.
ILLINOIS—October 11, 1870.
INDIANA—April 5, 1870.
IOWA—October 18, 1870.
KENTUCKY—June 8, 1870.
MISSOURI—October 4, 1870.
MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND—December 31, 1869.
MAINE—May 4, 1870.
NEW YORK—October 11, 1870.
NEW JERSEY—September 13, 1870.
MINNESOTA—June 24, 1870.
NEW HAMPSHIRE—September 27, 1870.
OHIO—September 15, 1870.
TEXAS—June 15, 1870.
TENNESSEE—May 10, 1870.
VERMONT—June 14, 1870.
VIRGINIA—December 15, 1870.
WISCONSIN—January 18, 1871.

GEORGIA.

The Ninth Annual Conclave was held in the Asylum of St. Omer Commandery, No. 2, in the city of Macon, May 25, 1870. R. E. Sir Thomas Whitly Chandler, Grand Commander. Seven Commanderies represented. The Grand Commander feelingly alluded to the death of V. E. Sir William S. Rockwell, P. D. G. C., who died in Abington, Md., on the 23d of January last. He says of him, that he was known for the zeal and erudition he displayed as Grand Master of Masons of Georgia; that he was a learned and zealous Mason, honored with the highest gifts of the Craft, and though gone never to return, his wisdom and understanding abide.

He has appointed many Representatives to their Grand Commandery near other Grand Commanderies. He says nearly every commission issued by him "has been reciprocated by the bodies to whom I have accredited Representatives."

He seems to have been called upon for but one decision, which we believe to be the law as we understand it. In February last, St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 3, through their Recorder, asked the following question:

"What action is necessary to expel a member after the reception of official notice of expulsion, for gross unmasonic conduct, by a Blue Lodge?"

"I ruled that a Commandery having 'official notice' of the expulsion, by a Blue Lodge, of a member thereof (by 'official notice' meaning notice of such expulsion under the seal of the Lodge expelling said member, or the evidence of a Sir Knight who was present in the Lodge at the time the sentence of expulsion was pronounced), the Eminent Commander should order the Recorder to strike from the roll of the Commandery the Sir Knight so expelled from his Lodge, and record the reason for such action."

In closing his address, he respectfully asks to be relieved from further service, and gives as one reason for so doing that he believes the interests of Grand Bodies like this are advanced by change of their presiding officers, and recommends that the term of office of Grand Commander should not exceed two successive years.

The Committee appointed on Tactics and Drill recommend the use of the Templar Manual, as prepared and adopted by the Grand Commandery of Illinois. The Committee on Ritual Work recommend,

that on the creation of any Sir Knight, he shall be invested with knightly spurs, accompanied with the appropriate charge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a partial report, and asked further time, which was granted, and committee ordered to publish when finished. Having failed to receive it, we are led to believe the worthy Sir Knights are not yet ready to report.

R. E. Sir George Smith Obear, of Macon, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Knight Charles R. Armstrong, also of Macon, Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS.—Seven Commanderies, 316 members, 48 knighted.

ILLINOIS

Held its Fourteenth Annual Conclave in the Asylum of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, at Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on the 25th of October, 1870. Sir Charles Edwards Munger, Grand Commander; Sir James Hoge Miles, Grand Recorder.

The Eminent Commander feelingly alludes to the death of M. E. Sir B. B. French, so soon following after the death of M. E. Sir William B. Hubbard, and says: "While we mourn for them, we do not mourn as for those who have no hope, for we have good reason to believe that these distinguished representatives of our Order are now enjoying a blessed immortality." He says the Order was never in a more prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony prevail.

The most important question referred to him the past year was the following:

"A Companion who received all the degrees in Europe, and is affiliated with one of our Chapters, claims to have received the Commandery Orders there; has passed a good examination on the Orders of the Temple and Malta, but knows nothing of the Red Cross. *Question*—Can this Knight affiliate here?"

"*Answer*—This Knight stands precisely as our fraters do across the borders in Canada, although recently, to enable them to visit in our Commanderies, the Red Cross has been conferred as a side Order, although not in their series. It seems to me that the proper course to be followed would be to require such Knights to petition for the Order of Red Cross. It is clear that he cannot be admitted as a visitor to any of the Commanderies until he has been created a Red Cross Knight."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report that they fully concur in the views of the R. E. Grand Commander relating to the

affiliation and admission of Knights Templar from foreign jurisdictions, and respectfully report "that Knights Templar hailing from foreign jurisdictions who desire to affiliate be required to exhibit a legal discharge, prove themselves in the ordinary way, take the Order of Red Cross and the oath of fealty. 2d. That Knights Templar hailing from foreign jurisdictions who desire to visit Templar bodies be required to exhibit evidence, duly authenticated, of good standing, prove themselves in the ordinary way, and take the order of the Red Cross, before being permitted to visit."

The committee appointed to take into consideration the report of P. G. Commander Gorin, relating to the Council Degrees, report that they find by reference to the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of 1856, that M. E. William B. Hubbard, at the time Grand Master, disapproved of the action of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut in requiring the Council Degrees as a prerequisite of the Order of Knighthood; that this decision was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, by them reported upon, and report laid over for consideration at the triennial session of 1859, but upon which no action has been taken.

The Grand Commandery of Connecticut deemed the decision of the Grand Master inoperative, not having been approved by the Grand Encampment; they have therefore refused to rescind their action, and the Grand Encampment has not, as yet, after a lapse of fourteen years, called them to account.

And inasmuch as doubts seem to oppress the minds of some, we submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commander be requested to enter into correspondence with the M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as to the right of this Grand Commandery to adopt a resolution requiring the possession of the Council Degrees as a prerequisite to the conferring the Order of Knighthood.

Resolved, That in the event of the decision of the M. E. Grand Master, that the Grand Commandery has such right, the R. E. Grand Commander be and is hereby authorized to submit the question as to the requirement of said Degrees to each chartered Commandery, for its vote thereon.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence quoted largely from our R. E. Grand Commander Armstrong's address.

R. E. Sir John Miles Pearson, of Godfrey, was elected Grand Commander, and E. Sir Knight James Hoge Miles, of Chicago, Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS—Thirty-nine subordinate Commanderies; 2,197 members; 311 created.

INDIANA.

Met at Masonic Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, April 5, 1870, Sir Thomas Newby, R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir John M. Bramwell, Grand Recorder. The address of the R. E. Grand Commander is able and eloquent, and addresses itself to the heart. He evinces a deep interest in the work before him. From it we quote as follows: "They (Knights Templar) are the conservators of right, the dispensers of justice, and the bond of union. Those banners will gladden my heart, whether at home or abroad, next to the proud ensign of my country; they call my thoughts far back in the centuries, to Gethsemane and to Calvary, and forward in the future, when earthly faith will be lost and swallowed up in Heavenly thought. They number in this land an array of thirty thousand, who have the name and profess the principle of Christian Knights. If each one of us should carry out those principles in our daily walk and conversation, what an immense influence for good would spread throughout the community. Nay, if each one of us should live by those principles, so far as weak, erring humanity may do it, the happy effect upon the world cannot be estimated, and even if we should not willfully violate any of these principles, we should be a power for good that would stand forth challenging respect and admiration. But if, while arranging ourselves under the Banner of the Cross, we are guilty of profanity, intemperance, evil speaking, and the kindred vices, do we not add to our sin the sin of hypocrisy? Are we not inclined to forget that our meetings are not merely for convivial purposes, or displaying our regalia, or exhibiting our military discipline? Our mission is a higher and nobler one, and our influence should extend wider and wider, and its effects not cease to be felt while earth shall endure. Let us therefore each act our part, that when we lay by our knightly armor for the last time we shall be sustained and soothed by a consciousness of this life's duties well performed, and the confident hope of another life—

"'The life that knows no ending,
But lasteth evermore.'"

The R. E. Grand Commander refers to the Grand Overseer's report (something new in most of our sister jurisdictions), and says: "When our Grand Commandery established the office of Overseer or Custodian of the Work, it was made an object of comment by several other Grand Commanderies, but in a majority of the reports of 1869 we note with satisfaction that the report of Sir Hacker has met with a courteous reception 'as eminently creditable to that distinguished frater, and a demonstration that he is the right man in the right place.'" They regret that our proceedings were not received by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in time to be mentioned in their report. Sir David P. Whedon, of Fort Wayne, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir John M. Bramwell, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS—Twenty Commanderies; 918 members.

IOWA.

The Grand Commandery assembled in the city of Clinton, in the Holy Cross Commandery, on the 18th of October, 1870, Sir Knight Robert F. Bowen *as* R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Knight W. B. Langridge, Grand Recorder. The annual address is a plain business paper, devoid of sensation, or such like. He proceeds at once to business.

Several decisions are reported, among which we quote: 1. "A petitioner, a member of a Commandery (for a new Commandery) without a dimit, or notification of the same, refused to pay his dues to his Commandery. In reply to the question whether he was liable to his old Commandery for dues, I replied that a petitioner for a new Commandery is not required to, nor does he necessarily, dimit from his Commandery, unless he chooses to, and is regularly dimitted in due form, nor can he dimit until his dues are all paid or remitted to him by his Commandery. After the new Commandery receives a charter, he may then select the one in which he prefers to retain his membership, but of course he must pay his dues, and give notice of the same. In this case he is liable to his Commandery, and must pay his dues.

"The Orders of Knighthood cannot be conferred upon any candidate residing out of our jurisdiction, unless he shall have been balloted for previous to his leaving; nor have I the power to grant a dispensation to invade the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery. The only way to proceed is to get the consent of such Grand Commandery. The law is imperative.

"When a petition for the Orders of Knighthood has been favorably reported upon, and is to be balloted on, and it is known that an absent member is opposed to the petitioner, and would blackball the candidate if present, and had sent word to that effect, I decided that the ballot should not be spread in his absence; and that if elected, and he objected even afterward, that the Orders must not be conferred.

"To the question whether drunkenness was a sufficient reason for expulsion, I replied yes, if after a fair trial the charge was sustained, and it was notorious.

"To an inquiry whether a suspension in a Lodge or Chapter followed in a Commandery, I replied yes, after the usual form, and continued until the member suspended was reinstated in his Chapter."

The Committee on Jurisprudence approve the above, as well as other decisions made by the R. E. Grand Commander, except the first, upon which they say, recognizing, as it does, dual membership, we unanimously disapprove. They hold it to be a plain and a most wise principle of law, that before any Sir Knight can become a recognized petitioner for a new Commandery he must have dimitted from the Commandery in which he formerly held membership, of which fact the recommending Commandery should be fully apprised. This idea of dual membership has created strifes elsewhere, and we sincerely hope that as it is wrong in theory and in practice it will not be transplanted into Iowa soil. The R. E. Grand Commander strongly urges the new Commanderies to take some Templar name, instead of the name of some town or prominent individual; he thinks it inappropriate and in bad taste, and your committee most fully coincide with him, and think some action in the matter ought to be taken by this Grand Body.

The R. E. Grand Commander, in concluding his address, says: "I would call your attention to the motto on our banner, '*In Hoc Signo Vinces*,' and beseech you ever to keep it in mind, and never to prove recreant to the trust reposed in you. Gird on the armor of righteousness and truth, and fighting manfully the battle of life, gain the reward promised by the Great Captain of our salvation to all who conquer in His name."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence kindly mention the report of our R. E. Grand Commander Armstrong, and quote largely from it.

R. E. Sir Knight R. F. Bowen, of Keokuk, was elected Grand Commander, and W. B. Langridge re-elected Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS—Twenty subordinates; 720 members; 149 Knighted during the year.

KENTUCKY.

The Twenty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kentucky was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, on the 9th day of June, 1870, Sir Rev. John M. Worrall, Grand Commander; Sir William C. Munger, Grand Recorder.

Eleven Commanderies represented.

From the address of the Grand Commander we learn that peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevail through the entire Jurisdiction, not a case of complaint or discord within our own bounds having reached them during the year just passing. He suggests that at each regular meeting of the Grand Commandery one evening be devoted to a careful exemplification of the work in both Orders by the Grand Officers, or persons chosen by the Grand Commander for that duty; and that at those meetings any Sir Knight present may be at liberty to propose questions, or ask for more explicit instructions, during any part of the work. That it be the duty of the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Generalissimo to assist the Grand Commander in the work of visiting and instructing the subordinate Commanderies, and that this may be done effectually it be the duty of the Grand Commander, as early as convenient after the meeting of the Grand Commandery, to district the State, and indicate what Commanderies he wishes the Deputy Grand Commander and the Grand Generalissimo to visit; and that it shall be the duty of those last named officers to make a report each year to the Grand Commandery of their work in this regard. In concluding his address, he says to constitute a "bright" or good working Knight Templar requires great familiarity with the verbiage of the ritual, but to constitute an intelligent and efficient Knight of these Orders requires more than a mere knowledge of the forms and words. It demands that he shall grasp their full and powerful influence; that he shall drink into their very spirit, and that his life and character shall be deeply and permanently affected by the sublime teachings. He will not only grasp his sword with a skillful hand, to wield it in the exercise of the work, but he will take hold of it with thoughts of Faith, Hope and Charity, and with higher purposes of Justice, Fortitude and Mercy.

Sir Knight William A. Warner, of Louisville, was elected Grand

Commander, and Sir Knight William C. Munger, of Franklin, Grand Recorder. A public installation of the Grand Officers took place, at which time the Rev. Sir Knight William H. Platt delivered a most elequent and able address.

STATISTICS.—Eleven Commanderies; 548 members; 88 created.

MISSOURI.

The Tenth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri was held in the Templar Asylum, Free Mason's Hall, St. Louis, October 4, 1870, Sir Knight James F. Aglan, R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight George Frank Gouley, Grand Recorder.

Fourteen Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander says it is now ten years since the formation of our Grand Commandery, and I can see with pride that the Grand Commandery of Missouri now ranks among the first in the United States in numbers, discipline, perfection of drill, and the work in the several Orders. Speaking of uniformity of dress, he recommends that all Commanderies chartered after this date require their members to furnish themselves with a regular military single-breasted coat, with metal buttons, and that all Companions or Sir Knights joining any Commandery in this Jurisdiction after this date be also required to do the same. Speaking of the Camp of Instruction, held at Columbia, Boone County, he says nine subordinate Commanderies reported, and most of them well represented. He recommends the Grand Commandery to consider the propriety of offering a prize of a banner, value not to exceed $200, to be given to the best drilled Commandery in the State at the next annual Encampment. He says: "I notice that several Commanderies in this Jurisdiction are in the habit of making an annual parade on Good Friday, and end by a banquet, with speeches, etc., etc. As we are a Christian organization, and profess to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, I think it is wrong for us to observe this day in this manner. Instead of a public parade, eating, and making ourselves merry, we should repair to our different churches and listen to the Word of God on this day, the anniversary of the sacrifice on Calvary. I hope this Grand Commandery will express, in unqualified terms, against any public parades on Good Friday, except for funerals, or for the purpose of going to some house of Divine Worship.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence does not devote a line to us; we hope Sir Knight Gouley will not pass us by another year.

Sir Knight John D. Vancil, of Columbia, was elected Grand Commander and Sir Knight George Frank Gouley, of St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

The Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and the appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on the 28th of October, 1870, Sir Benjamin Dean, Grand Commander, Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder.

The R. E. Grand Commander says: "We have met within our Grand Asylum to hear the reports of the doings of our Grand Officers, to compare notes, to legislate as we find the good of the Order requires, to ascertain our latitude and longitude, to elect officers, to study our charts, correct our compasses, and take a new departure. I desire to impress upon all the importance of these periodical meetings; the importance of consulting upon the interests of the Order at stated times, that deviations may not arise. For when we find that the most unerring guide in the material world is liable to be deflected, it should remind us how liable to deflection is the human mind and the human heart by the many attractions, allurements, distractions, and perplexities which constantly beset each of them." As usual, the business transacted was principally of a local nature, and with no Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence we are unable to glean much of interest to the Order.

Sir Knight Benjamin Dean, of Boston, was elected M. E. Grand Commander; Sir Knight Alfred F. Chapman, of Boston, Grand Recorder.

MAINE.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Maine met at Masonic Hall, in Portland, on the 4th day of May, 1870, Sir Chas. H. McLellan, Grand Commander, Sir Ira Berry, Grand Recorder.

The annual address is a paper of more than usual excellence, and offers many suggestions for the general welfare of the Order, which are worthy of commendation. Here is what he says, that would be well for our jurisdiction to ponder upon: "I would that I could see some remedy for the practice in some of our bodies, where the jurisdiction is

large, of conferring the whole of the Orders at one time upon many candidates, who are thus deprived of the solemn and lasting impressions which a dignified and proper conferring of them would and ought to produce. Solemnity is scarcely ever (in ceremonies like our own) evoked among a crowd, and to retain a clear and lasting impression the mind should be free from the external effects and extraneous ideas which companionship must necessarily produce." The following is also worthy of our consideration: "I will here say that I deem it of great importance to the welfare of our Order, and that the same has not heretofore been more strongly urged is to me a matter of surprise. I refer to the lack of time and opportunity for the proper transaction of the business incidental to our Annual Conclaves." We read with great interest the remarks of the Grand Commander touching the brief time given to the Annual Conclave, and the consequent hasty legislation.

He concludes by admonishing the "Brother Knights not to forget that though the past year has shown no marked inroad by death in our ranks, yet we each and all of us may not again meet in Annual Conclave, and that it behooves us to keep alive in our hearts the solemn teachings of our ritual, so that if the grim tyrant Death appears to us suddenly we may not be found sleeping."

The associate Grand Officers made a report of their doings. Sir Knight Chas. H. McLellan, of Bath, was re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir Ira Berry, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York convened its Fifty-Seventh Annual Conclave in the city of Utica, on the 11th of October, 1870. Forty-seven Commanderies represented. Sir Henry Clay Preston, Grand Commander, and Sir Robert McCoy, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander's address was a well written, forcible document, and devoted principally to matters of local interest. He says: "Let us each make it an object of ambition that, so far as in us lies, our swords may be ever wielded for the defense of the fatherless; for the succor of those who are left to the cold charity of the world, and to whom no hearts are opened save those which beat beneath the sign of our redemption. Let us draw more closely to each other, so that when danger threatens a true and courteous Knight, a thousand bright blades will leap from their scabbards in his defense; so that when the cold

winds of death chill his heart, and the dying gaze is fixed upon the sacred symbol and motto upon our banner, his chivalrous companions may surround his couch to comfort and encourage him, while attending angels hover above them to accompany his enfranchised spirit to the Asylum above, there to receive the welcome given unto every faithful and true Soldier of the Cross, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' The establishment of our Order is a fact beyond question, and whatever may have been deemed requisite in the past toward this end is certainly not needed now, while we are continually called upon to make good our claim to a place in the ranks by a more earnest and faithful compliance with the tenets set forth in our ceremonies, and to which we are bound as none others can be. From him to whom much is given much will be expected, and so it is that we who drink from cups and streams of which the world knows not should so walk before men that our Father who is in Heaven may be glorified."

Sir John W. Simons reviews the doings of twenty-five Grand Commanderies in a masterly manner. He says: "It is an impressive thought that throughout the vast area of this favored land thousands of Knights who have never seen each other, and who in the natural course of events must ever be separated in this life, wield their swords in defense of the same faith, prosecute their labors by the same methods, look to the same rewards, and are united by the same ties. It is pleasant to know that the Sir Knights in Texas and those of Maine could mingle with those of Minnesota and Florida and be one undistinguished band of American Knights Templar, and we cannot too earnestly endeavor so to conduct our relations with one another that the ties we now acknowledge may be strengthened, and the individual members drawn more closely together." He speaks of R. E. Grand Commander Armstrong's address as a "carefully written paper, containing much sound advice, and a full detail of official acts," and quoted fully from the address.

Sir George Babcock, of Troy, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Robert McCoy, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY.

The Twelfth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was held at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, on Tuesday, the 13th day of September, 1870, Sir Isaac A. Nichols, Grand Commander, Sir T. J. Corson, Grand Recorder.

The R. E. Grand Commander reports the Order in a flourishing condition. He says: "At no time since the establishment of Templar Masonry have we been in so prosperous a condition. We have every hope that we shall continue to increase in numbers and influence. Let that influence be for good, and let every individual, not only officers but members of our different Commanderies, so act and walk that his influence may be felt, not only in this present time but for the future. Sir Knights, ours is a military Order, differing materially from other degrees in Masonry; all of us are called upon to act as Christian Knights, and while so acting we must assume something of the military character. Like our prototypes we must be on our guard, and like them act as sentinels and patrol our posts to prevent an enemy from getting into our camps. Have we enemies? I fear so. Enemies that will do us harm, and pervert our principles, unless they are quickly detected, and the alarm at once given. Careful observation is required, and constant vigilance. Who are they? Unnecessary public processions, formal corteges, subordination to the lower orders in public; changes or innovations in our ritual; these are some of the enemies against which I would urge you to be watchful."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence mentions us kindly, and quotes from the Grand Commander's address.

Eleven Commanderies represented. Sir Knight M. E. Grand Commander Nichols having declined a re-election, Sir Knight J. V. Mattison, of Washington, was elected R. E. Grand Commander, and Sir Knight T. J. Corson, of Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Minnesota met at the Asylum of Home Commandery, No. 5, in Rochester, on the 24th day of June, 1870, Sir Knight D. B. Porter, as Grand Commander, Sir George A. Savory, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander's address is a matter of fact address, containing good advice, and giving much information of interest to those within his Jurisdiction. He opens his address as follows: "Through the merciful protection of Almighty God we have been permitted to pass through another year of our pilgrimage in prosperity, peace, and harmony, and are again allowed to assemble around the altar of Christian Knighthood to offer up our united thanksgivings to the Giver of all good for the manifold blessings He has given us to enjoy; to

implore His blessing upon all our laudable undertakings; to pledge anew our fidelity to our beloved Order; to exchange our mutual congratulations upon its uninterrupted prosperity, and to consider how we may best advance the interests of so great and beneficial an institution, founded as it is on the Christian religion, and inculcating as it does the practice of the Christian virtues." In the matter of the appointment of Representatives of this Grand Commandery to reside near the different Grand Commanderies of the United States, he says that at their "last annual assembly in December, 1869, a committee previously appointed reported adversely to the system, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Commandery:

'*Resolved*, That while we will ever hail with pleasure the presence of members of sister grand Jurisdictions at our annual assemblies, and from none more than from that Grand Commandery whose appointment to the last annual assembly brought this subject before us, yet with the views entertained by us, and as stated in the above report, we do not think it consistent with our position in reference to the Grand Encampment of the United States, to which we are subordinate, and therefore most respectfully decline to receive them.' "

The reasons set forth in the report referred to are in substance that Grand Commanderies being constituent members of the Grand Encampment are not independent bodies; that it would be just as proper to adopt a system of representation between subordinate Commanderies or subordinate Lodges, as between such Grand Bodies. Also, that our system of American Knighthood is essentially military in its organization; that Grand Commanderies resemble divisions of the army, permanently placed where they are needed; that representatives from one division to another would not be consistent with military order.

We quote the above resolutions in full, as they entirely coincide with the action taken by our Grand Body relative to this question. It covers the ground, and must, we think, be the result of this "new innovation."

He makes suitable mention of the death of R. E. Sir Edward H. Gill, for many years Grand Commander, and, indeed, the head and front of Templar Masonry in Virginia. In all the departments of Masonry, Sir Knight Gill was a zealous and efficient worker, highly esteemed by all with whom he associated.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence speaks thus of us: "The annual address of the Grand Commander was of average length,

and a valuable document of its kind." The Committee on Foreign Correspondence passes in review the proceedings of twenty-two Jurisdictions, making a report well worthy of careful perusal. Its greetings are warm and cordial, and full of earnest life. We quote in full the eloquent closing remarks of that true and courteous Sir Knight, S. Y. McMasters, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence: "Your committee is painfully conscious of having passed over a large amount of valuable material without note or remark, and gleaned but little from a wide field white unto the harvest. The apology is want of leisure, and the writer must hereafter be released from this duty, alike for his own protection against overwork, and that this branch of Knightly service may be better performed. Every year's experience and observation goes to intensify the conviction in the liberal and sensitive mind that Masonry in all her departments is full of good, and fraught with blessings to mankind. But in Templar Masonry is an element unknown to the lower departments. All recognize God and bow to His word; but Knighthood sees 'God in Christ Jesus reconciling the world unto Himself.' To her is clearly revealed the Holy City, New Jerusalem, and the Temple on the Heavenly Mount, only at whose gates the valiant Knight must hang his battered armor, and find eternal rest. Profanity, skepticism, irreverence, and crime must never dishonor her banners. Her conflicts are not in name, but in deed and in truth; but her weapons are 'not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of the strongholds of wickedness.' Carrying in one hand 'The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,' she points with the other to the Cross of Redemption, and calls to all her embattled host, '*In Hoc Signo Vinces.*"

Sir George L. Otis, of St. Paul, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir George A. Savory, of Minneapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery was held in the city of Concord, on the 27th day of September, 1870, Sir Henry O. Kent, R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Horace Chase, Grand Recorder. Nine subordinate Commanderies represented.

The address is a plain but clear and forcible summing up of the past year's doings, and does credit to the head and heart of the author. He says: "Chief in official rank in the noble roll of deceased Templars who, since our last Convocation, have entered the Asylum above, is the

former Grand Master, Sir Benjamin Brown French, a native of our State, imbued with the profoundest regard for the home of his nativity, and zealous on all occasions for the prosperity of Templar Masonry. Gentlemen here assembled will well remember his presence in this Asylum, in 1860, when this Grand Body was first reorganized, and will, with mournful satisfaction, recall his language on that day, and the pleasant banquet enjoyed in the evening at the close of official labor. To our late Grand Master, who filled every post with ability and zeal, Templar Masonry was deeply indebted. His memory should be held in reverent regard." From the report of the R. E. Commander it would appear that our sister Grand Body is not a "financial success," but they are determined to get clear of all embarrassment of the kind, as the following resolution, unanimously adopted, will show:

Resolved, That each subordinate Commandery voluntarily assess itself the sum of one dollar for each member thereof, and pay the same to the Grand Recorder, so that the liabilities of the Grand Commandery may be at once canceled.

The R. E. Grand Commander declined a re-election in the following neat and appropriate manner: "And now, as in accordance with approved custom and my own inclination, which, as expressed one year ago, you generously forebore to heed, I lay down the leading staff. I do it in assured consciousness that it will be elevated by tried and worthy hands, well fitted to point the way to new deeds of chivalrous excellence." Sir Joseph W. Fellows introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: "That this Grand Commandery discountenance the use of intoxicating liquors." The committee reviews the doings of this Grand Jurisdiction in a Knightly spirit. They say our "report on foreign correspondence is interesting and well written throughout its entire length." They mention the collection of rulings on Templar Jurisprudence, by P. G. Masters of the United States, as a "valuable part" of our report.

Sir Knight Wm. Barrett, of Nashua, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight John A. Harris, of Concord, Grand Recorder.

OHIO.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Assemby of Knights Templar convened in the city of Cincinnati on the 13th day of September, 1870, Sir Heman Ely, Grand Commander, Sir John D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder.

The annual message is from the pen of one well known to the

Masonic world, and is in every respect worthy of its distinguished author. He says: "Though the increase in membership during the past year has not been large in most of our Commanderies, and though some report a less number than last, the Orders have been conferred in every Commandery from which I have received a report, and we have good reason to believe that the approaches to our Asylums are duly guarded, so that none but the good and the true are admitted therein. In cases where a less number are reported this year, the deficiency is attributable to the dimitting of members of our old Commanderies, who have connected themselves with those recently constituted." In speaking of the death of our eminent deceased Frater, Sir B. B. French, he says: "In the course of a long Masonic life he has filled nearly all the prominent positions in the various departments of Masonry, as well as distinguished ones in our National Government. There is, perhaps, no one whose heart is more nearly filled with the 'milk of human kindness' than was his; none who had larger measures of 'that charity which suffereth long and is kind' than had he; and notwithstanding many may have differed with him in opinion, or in judgment, all are ready to accord to him perfect candor on all occasions." The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence made many decisions, from which we quote: "Territorial jurisdiction of a Commandery is determined by an air line. Members of Commanderies who join in petition for a new Commandery continue to be members of the former until the latter is constituted under its charter, and are liable to pay dues accordingly. A Commandery in this State cannot receive the petition of a person living in another Jurisdiction without the unanimous consent of the Commandery in whose Jurisdiction he resides. A Sir Knight who is suspended by his Lodge or Chapter for non-payment of dues may continue to visit his Commandery unless it otherwise orders. The jurisdiction of a Commandery over a candidate whose petition has been lawfully received is not affected by any subsequent change in its territorial limits. A Sir Knight who has been expelled by his Lodge is not restored to membership in his Commandery by restoration to membership in his Lodge; he can only be restored on regular petition, and by a unanimous ballot."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence say of our Grand Body: "The proceedings are very brief, containing nothing of special importance to the Sir Knights of Ohio."

Sir Knight Heman Ely, of Elyria, was re-elected Grand Commander,

and Sir James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Recorder, in place of Sir John D. Caldwell, who declined a re-election.

STATISTICS—Twenty-four Commanderies represented; membership, 1,764; 244 created during the year.

TEXAS.

The Grand Commandery assembled in Annual Conclave, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Houston, on Monday, the 13th of June, 1870, Sir William B. Botts, Grand Commander, Sir R. Brewster, Grand Recorder.

From the address of the Grand Commander, we gather that the business of the Grand Commandery was entirely of a local character. He says: "My official acts have been but few. It has been impossible for me to visit the different subordinate Commanderies in the State, as I would have liked to have done, but from all come words of good cheer, and it affords me pleasure to state that prosperity has marked the progress of our noble Order." The Committee or Foreign Correspondence gave us the go-by; probably our proceedings did not reach that distant sister Jurisdiction in time to be reported on. The report is signed by Sir Robert E. Elgin, who is entitled to much credit in making so readable a paper. He says: "We have found but a few vexed questions dividing the Order in different Jurisdictions. The question of 'rites' that has borne so prominent a part in discussion for several years back has gradually worn itself out. Missouri still adheres to her edicts against the Ancient Scottish Rites, and Wisconsin to hers against the Rites of Memphis, but we have found no authoritative indorsement of either from other Grand Commanderies, and very few writers of reports of Foreign Correspondence that approve their actions."

Sir Knight F. B. Sexton was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight R. Brewster re-elected Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS.—Eight subordinate Commanderies represented; 39 created during the year.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Commandery convened its Eighth Annual Conclave at its Asylum, in the city of Nashville, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 1870. Nine Commanderies represented. Sir Joseph M. Towler, Grand Commander, Sir John Frizzel, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander gives a brief, but practical address, princi-

pally devoted to matters of local interest. He says of the condition of the Order: "Templar Masonry continues in a flourishing condition in our Jurisdiction. The members are composed of the best men in our community, who are generally imbued with a warm love for their Association, and the principles it teaches. We may look for an increase of Commanderies in various sections of our State, and are assured that the interest already awakened will not be allowed to die down." He says: "I have had the pleasure of receiving a letter from R. E. Sir John D. Caldwell, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, stating that on the 29th day of October, 1869, the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island had, by an unanimous vote, amended its Constitution so as to make it conformable in every respect to that of the Grand Encampment. This news is truly gratifying, and is a beautiful illustration of that universal loyalty which now exists in every State from Maine to California. In regard to a change of our Ritual I am disposed to refer the whole matter to the Grand Encampment. The American rite might be simplified and reduced to greater consonance with the English and Scotch. The Council and Red Cross I would incorporate with the Chapter, endeavoring to consolidate the three into the simplicity and compactness of the Symbolic Degrees of the Blue Lodge. Thus I would modify the Commandery, making it comprise only the two Orders of the Temple and Malta, so as to conform to the same Orders abroad." He makes mention of the death of that valiant Sir Knight William Hartley Horn, who had been Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery since its organization in 1859, and who departed this life that morning, after a prolonged sickness, and says of him: "He was a Knight noted for the purity of his life, zeal, and devotion to our cause, and is deeply mourned by all his colleagues." Sir George Mellerch offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Eminent Commanders of the Commanderies of this Jurisdiction be and the same are hereby required to drill their respective Commanderies once a month."

It appears to your committee that the adoption of such a resolution, with the faithful performance of the same, might work infinite good in our own Jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of that accomplished Sir Knight George S. Blackie, and we only regret that he passed

us by so hurriedly, as he generally has some word of cheer for all. Hereafter, Sir Knight Blackie, we hope to hear from you fully. The committee presented certain resolutions which were adopted; we quote one which we hope to see carried out:

"*Resolved*, That our representatives to the Grand Encampment be instructed to vote against any further change in the uniform of a Knight Templar, or in the names and titles of officers, or State Commanderies."

Sir Knight A. D. Sears, of Clarksville, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir John Frizzell, of Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

VERMONT.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar met in the city of Burlington on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, 1870, Sir Russell S. Taft, Grand Commander, Sir John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder.

It appears that much discussion has been had in reference to the Ritual. The Grand Commander says: "I am of the opinion that the best way to correct any errors in our Ritual is to hold a Special Conclave of this Grand Body in the ensuing autumn, at the asylum of Vermont Commandery, at which time the work used by the different subordinates can be thoroughly examined and compared with the original Potter work, which is still preserved pure and undefiled. I should expect all the various Eminent Commanders to be present, and trust that from such a conclave much good might arise, and that our work would be so corrected that hereafter no differences could be found to exist. You will take such action in the premises as suggests itself to your good sense."

The address concludes with a feeling tribute to the memory of the Knightly dead. He speaks of Sir Knight Howard, who was the first Eminent Commander of that Jurisdiction, as follows: "He has finished his course; he has kept the faith; he has left no stain upon his character or his profession; and he was a good man and just."

Sir Knight T. F. Stuart, Chairman of Committee of Foreign Correspondence, quotes freely from the address of our M. E. Grand Commander, and also our Grand Recorder. He says: "The Sir Knights of Michigan are still battling in the cause of truth and virtue, as they have been for years past; their banners are still displayed and glittering, and the few who have fallen by death have gone down with their armor on,

and their weapons bright." He closes his report by quoting the concluding remarks of Sir Knight Bourke, and thanks him for his courteous notice of Vermont. Many of the old Sir Knights have passed away during the last year, each and every one of whom receives appropriate notices.

Sir Knight R. S. Taft, of Burlington, was re-elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight John B. Hollenbeck, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

STATISTICS.—Seven Commanderies represented; 398 members; 45 Knights created.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Annual Assembly of Knights Templar met in the city of Richmond on the 15th day of December, 1870, Sir John Robin McDaniel as Grand Commander, Sir John Dove as Grand Recorder. Sixteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

The Grand Commander delivered a most highly impressive and true Knightly address. He says: "Harmony and peace prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. The Banner of the Cross has been firmly supported in the West, encouraging and animating the true and courteous Knights. The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States called my attention to the illegality of the establishment of Winston Commandery, No. 15, in North Carolina, and Lemienus Commandery, No. 13, in Florida, chartered by this Grand Commandery during the war, and asking that their charters be recalled. The Grand Master was courteous; he did not issue a formal order; he was, however, urgent upon the subject. Some time elapsed before the necessary information was obtained; but upon an investigation of the subject it was evident that to continue the allegiance of said Commanderies to this Grand Commandery was not in accordance with, but in violation of, our allegiance to the Grand Encampment of the United States I promptly conformed to the request, and on the 25th day of April last I addressed a request to Sir J. W. Hunter, Commander of No. 15 (giving my reasons for so doing,) that he would return his charter to me, and informed him that if he would petition the Grand Master for authority to work under the Grand Encampment, the necessary papers would be sent him free of charge. The charter was promptly returned, and is now on file with the documents accompanying this report. I also addressed a similar letter, on the same day, to the Commander of Lemienus Commandery, No. 13, directed to Lake City, Florida, to which, however, no reply has been received. I scarcely expected any response, as no returns have

been received from that Commandery since 1864, and it had been regarded extinct, and did not appear on the register in the printed proceedings of last Grand Conclave.

"My action in the premises was based upon the facts that this Grand Commandery had, since the action referred to, returned to its allegiance to the Grand Encampment, and its constitution, adopted in 1866, made to conform to the requirements of that Supreme Body.

"The records of the Grand Encampment show that both North Carolina and Florida had been occupied by autnority of the Body—the first as early as 1821, and the latter in 1851. Under these circumstances, and with these facts before me, my duty was plain, to 'obey the rules, resolutions, and edicts of the Supreme Body,' or the legal mandates of its officers, from which duty I had no power to absolve myself."

Among the questions submitted for the decision of the Grand Commander, we select the following:

"The avouchment of two Knights Templar to the fact that an applicant for the Orders is an affiliated Royal Arch Mason is quite sufficient, but it is competent for a Commandery to require also a certificate from his Chapter.

"Petitions for the Orders, or for affiliation, can only be presented to, or acted on, by a regular Assembly.

"No subordinate can decide cases of emergency."

From the proceedings we quote in full the report of a committee appointed to memorialize the Grand Encampment to allow the withdrawal of their Grand Commandery from its jurisdiction. It is unknightly and uncourteous, and your committee can but express their condemnation of the report and resolutions *in toto*. The spirit they evince is not Knightly; nay, they are almost rebellious, and tend to distract the peace and harmony of Templar Masonry throughout the United States. Our Sir Knights of Virginia ought to remember that, as a military body, if nothing more, they are bound by the action of their Supreme Officers, and as well might a subordinate military officer demand that he be left to himself to go his own way and give his own orders, irrespective of his superiors, as for a State Grand Commandery, while chafing under a supposed wrong, to dictate terms to the Grand Encampment for a separation. Doubtless our Sir Knights of Virginia would like to be "let alone," and their Grand Commandery made the Supreme Head, but what would their Grand Commandery say if any or

all of her subordinates should declare themselves supreme, and petition the Grand Commandery to be "let alone," and defy her authority? There ought to be a Head, and the further removed that Head is from local or State prejudices, the better for the general good of Templar Masonry throughout the United States. But to the resolutions and report:

To the R. E. Grand Commandery of Virginia:

Your committee to whom, at the last Grand Annual Assembly, was referred the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report upon the subject of a permanent separation of this Grand Commandery from the Grand Encampment, and to suggest the best and most efficient means of effecting the oft-expressed desire of this Grand Body to be free and independent—

Have performed that duty to the best of their ability, and offer the following result of their labors:

Before we can suggest any means of effecting "the separation," we must look at the origin, claims and rights of that Grand Encampment with which we are in union, and from which we desire to be free, and know how, when and why we became members thereof; and then see if any means exist by which we, as Masons and Templars, true and just in all our dealings, can, without open rebellion to constituted authority, and without violation of plighted duty, gain our independence. It is, therefore, necessary to give such points of our history as will make clear the steps which have, at different times, been taken in reference to our connection.

About 1812 there was a Commandery at Winchester, which (as until 1816 all authority in Masonry and Knighthood was universally held to be in the Lodge) worked, we presume, under the authority of the Lodge in that place.

On the 24th of March, 1816, a convention of Knights Templar met in Richmond, Sir J. Moody, chairman, and organized St. John's Rising Star, which was intended to be a Grand Commandery, and was formed under the guidance of many Sir Knights of Europe and other places. Its authority, we understand, was a commission from a Lodge in Scotland, empowering Sir J. McVie to form and open a Commandery wherever, in his opinion, the interests of Masonry would thereby be promoted.

On the 16th of June, 1816, delegates from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylnia (the only one on the continent), and from the eight subordinate Commanderies in the New England States, met in Philadelphia to form a Grand Encampment for the United States; but the delegates from Pennsylvania, holding that Templarism had its warrant from Lodges only, and refusing to yield that principle to those from New England, who declined to acknowledge it, the meeting disbanded. But on the 20th the delegates from New England met, by a previous agreement, in New York, and after deliberation formed on the next day, the 21st, the Body now known as the Grand Encampment, framing a constitution claiming to itself jurisdiction in every State where there is no Grand Commandery, and allowing no State to form one without the consent of one of her four highest officers, thereby usurping

to itself an inherent Masonic right of the Craft—that the delegates from three subordinates, in a State where there is no Grand Body, may meet and form one.

On the 20th of July, 1819, Sir J. Moody was appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander of St. John's Rising Star Commandery, with the consent and endorsement of its members, to negotiate with all the Commanderies north of Richmond, and more particularly with the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, for establishing brotherly love, union and good faith. The real object of this mission is not clear. Apparently it was to have St. John's acknowledged as a Grand Commandery, or, in failure thereof, to be received as a subordinate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania. We know not whether Sir Knight Moody conferred with any other parties than the officers of that Grand Commandery, but with these he did consult, and they advised him to make application to that body to be received as a member thereof. This, we believe, he did; but there is no record of any action therein upon his application.

In 1822 and 1823 Sir J. Cushman, a lecturer on Masonry, and, we believe, an emissary or agent of the Deputy Grand Master, caused much trouble amongst the Templars in Richmond, declaring St. John's Commandery irregular and illegal, and that it was necessary for them to have a charter from the Deputy Grand Master. As he professed to have authority to create Knights and form Commanderies at will, and might do serious injury to Templarism in this Jurisdiction if he began that work, St. John's Commandery did apply to the Deputy Grand Master for a warrant, and he gave them a *charter of constitution*, at the cost of ninety dollars, when, as that Commandery was in existence before the Grand Encampment, and had equal authority with that of the Commanderies composing that body, they should have had a *charter of recognition*, at the engrossing fee of five or ten dollars. The charter is dated April 10, 1823, when, from the record of the Grand Encampment, it was not ordered until twenty-five days after that date. The Templars in Richmond did not soon forget this imposition.

The same disturber of the Templars' peace visited Winchester with similar declarations and professions. This invasion of right caused Winchester Commandery, for good Masonic reasons, to authorize the formation of Warren and Mt. Carmel Commanderies.

On the 27th of November of the same year, delegates from these three Commanderies met in Winchester, and after declaring it necessary that there should be some authentic source within the State from which to derive charters and privileges without intervention of individuals licensed by the Grand Puissants of other States, they on the next day formed a Grand Commandery for the State of Virginia, Sir D. W. Thomas, E. C.

Immediately after the formation of this Grand Commandery, Sir Knight Thomas wrote to Sir DeWitt Clinton, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, proposing a correspondence between these two bodies, formed alike, and having equal power for recognition. To this the Grand Master cordially replied, as if recognizing and sustaining the claims of this body as the Grand Commandery of Virginia.

Before, however, there was any further correspondence, the same apparent agent of the Deputy Grand Master again appeared at Winchester, declaring, as by

authority, all their proceedings illegal, and that, notwithstanding the statement of the Grand Master, every Commandery must have a charter from the Deputy Grand Master. Sir Knight Thomas immediately wrote to the Grand Master (June 17, 1824,) requesting from him a decisive and explicit answer to the question, "Is the Grand Commandery of Virginia a legal body, and whether or not he recognized her as such?" The reply of July 1st was: "If you will recognize the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, I will recognize you as a regularly constituted Grand Commandery."

While this correspondence was pending, and doubts were continually suggested as to the legality of the Grand Commandery, Winchester and Warren Commanderies deemed it most advisable to set those doubts at rest by applying to the Deputy Grand Master for charters; and *charters of recognition* were granted by him, bearing date July 4, 1824.

A special assembly of the Grand Commandery was begun and held in Winchester on the 11th of August, to consult in reference to the requirement of the Grand Master, and to settle the status of the Grand Commandery. The record says: "The assembly, taking into consideration the advantages to be derived from a union with the Grand Encampment, they came to the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery do acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and that it will obey, abide by, keep and perform all the constitutional rights and regulations of said Grand Encampment.

This resolution was at once communicated to the Grand Master, and declared by him, in a letter bearing date October 5, 1824, entirely satisfactory.

The annual assembly of the Grand Commandery was held November 22, 1824, when the correspondence between the Grand Commander and the Grand Master was read, and the result approved. But Mt. Carmel Commandery, refusing to acknowledge any illegality in her formation over which the Grand Encampment had any control, declined to ask a charter from that body, and became extinct. But previous to the dismemberment of the Grand Commandery by this decision of Mt. Carmel, it was

Resolved, That Richmond Commandery be informed of the organization of the Grand Commandery, and of its recognition by the Grand Master, and that they be invited to come under its jurisdiction.

Richmond Commandery had, to this time, held no communication with the Templars about Winchester. Now, however, after correspondence, she accepted the invitation to unite in the formation, and became one of the three to complete the organization of the Grand Commandery of Virginia. Delegates from the three Commanderies met in Winchester March 23, 1825, and organized by adopting a constitution and electing officers—Sir Knight D. W. Thomas, G. C., and Sir John Dove, D. G. C.

The union of Richmond Commandery in the formation of this second Grand Commandery was for a special purpose. A deep feeling of injustice had been produced by the Grand Encampment refusing to recognize her as a legal Commandery, and causing her to take out a charter of constitution as a Subordinate just coming to existence; and she desired to have no further connection with that body than was necessary to maintain her own life and position. And when she sent delegates to aid in the formation of this Grand Commandery for Virginia, she gave

them positive instructions to move a declaration of Independence from the Grand Encampment as soon as the organization was completed. The motion was made, but the other Commanderies, having had so much difficulty on that subject, were unwilling, at that time, to take any step which would cause its continuance. Richmond Commandery, therefore, sent no more either returns or delegates to the Grand Commandery, and soon became dormant.

The feelings of the Templars in Virginia were a good deal excited against the Grand Encampment in 1838, by her invasion of our Jurisdiction, in granting a dispensation, bearing date August 21, to certain Sir Knights in Wheeling to form and open a Commandery at that place, and confirming the same by a charter in 1839. This was a violation of her own constitution, and had no real, and barely an apparent justification. The Grand Commandery of Virginia was not dead, and held a meeting in January, 1839—between the giving of the dispensation and the grant of the charter to Wheeling Commandery. And if, as is stated in a report in 1847, they knew nothing of this Grand Commandery, they could have learned something if they had tried. And we do not think it was magnanimous to treat a body as dead until they had learned the fact.

The Grand Commandery felt keenly this renewed act of injustice on the part of power, "and although," the Secretary says, "they closed to meet in January, 1840, the members have quietly determined to meet no more under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment." Hence, on December 11, 1845, we find that delegates appointed by six Commanderies met in Richmond, and after declaring that "the re-organization of the late Grand Commandery is impossible, from various reasons," organized the present, or third, Grand Commandery for Virginia, by the election of officers and the adoption of the former constitution, except so far as the same relates to the Grand Encampment.

This act of the Grand Commandery was brought before the Grand Encampment in 1847, by the act of the Secretary, in presenting a list of Commanderies in States where there is no Grand Commandery. The names of Winchester, Richmond and Warren, which had been struck off in 1824, at the organization of this Grand Commandery, are re-entered. The committee to whom this subject was referred state as their opinion in reference to the action of Virginia :

1. That when the original Grand Commandery (that of 1824) ceased to exist, jurisdiction over the State reverted to this body.
2. That immediate jurisdiction over at least the three Subordinate Commanderies which derived their authority from this body also reverted to its original source.
3. Therefore there was no power in the Subordinate Commanderies of Virginia to organize a Grand Commandery without the consent and approval of this Grand Encampment.

Whereupon, by resolution, the names of the "three," branded by them "faithless," which had just been put upon their register, were at once struck off, and the decree of non-intercourse between those acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Encampment and the Commanderies of Virginia were at once decreed.

On the usurped claim of the Grand Encampment, that first opinion may be true, but in no other sense. But the second was evidently introduced to justify their act in entering the names of the above "three" and omitting those of the other three who formed the Grand Commandery of Virginia. It seems to declare that, if there

is any doubt of the truth of the first opinion, there can be none to its specific application to the aforesaid "three." They virtually say that the Grand Encampment was the source of their power, but which it was not. Two of them had their authority from "the Lodge," and therefore, on their own ground, the right of censure belonged to "the Lodge," and was usurped by the Grand Encampment. And the power which she used to kill the Grand Commandery of Virginia, by crippling oppressively her subjects by the decree of non-intercourse, was no more than the act of a tyrant to force from a little body that recognition of supremacy to which she was not entitled, but which, right or wrong, she would have, if she could by any means get it. If she had sent her Grand Master or other respected officer to the Grand Commandery of Virginia, and acknowledged her error in the case of Wheeling Commandery, and paid to the right treasury the money she had obtained from that source, and shown a proper regard to this body, there would have been no further trouble. Virginia would have wheeled into line, and while she would never acknowledge that the Grand Encampment had a legal or Masonic origin, and was of real use, yet she would cheerfully have done her duty in the position in which circumstances had placed her. The act of putting on her list the three, and striking them off at the same meeting, branding them as 'faithless," without giving them notice that they were so entered, and calling for their returns as "their subordinates," and waiting a proper time for their action—thus virtually making a charge of unknightly conduct, trying the case, condemning and executing the parties, without a word to them, or the allowing of a moment for repentance—is an act so *little*, so unworthy of a magnanimous body, that it makes a dirty stain upon her character as "Mother." It seems as if she wished to make them regret they had ever known her as a superior, and they did regret it. The Grand Encampment seems from her reports to have known nothing of this Commandery, and cared as little for her when there was gain in invading her territory. She presumed she was dead.

The action of the Grand Encampment was communicated to the Assembly held February, 1849, and was placed in the hands of a committee, who reported that, although we were much aggrieved at the past action of the Grand Encampment towards us in several instances, (citing the act of putting upon her register of subordinates the names of three Commanderies who held charters from us alone, and which had been removed from her special jurisdiction for twenty years; and the previous act of her invasion of our jurisdiction in the case of the Wheeling Commandery,) yet nothing uncourteous or offensive was intended in our act of 1845, in severing what we held and believed to be a courteous recognition of supremacy, and not a chartered right, and which we felt it a privilege and a duty to do when such recognition was injurious to the prosperity of Knighthood amongst us. We directed that the "Grand Commander at once open a correspondence with the proper officers of the Grand Encampment, and state to them that we respectfully and fraternally decline any further recognition or allegiance to that body, because we believe that the cause of Knighthood in this Jurisdiction will be thereby advanced." This report was laid over until the succeeding Assembly, in December, 1849, and then was unanimously adopted.

This action of the Grand Commandery was communicated to the Grand En-

campment at their regular meeting in 1850, and after consideration that body determined to "occupy the same position and relation to the Grand Commandery of Virginia and its subordinates that it has for the past three years, unless that Grand Commandery recede from its position of independence which it has assumed, and acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Grand Body."

At our Assembly in December, 1850, this Grand Commandery did, after mature consideration, recede from its position of independence, and recognized the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. This was done that, as a member of that body, the Grand Commandery would be in a situation that she could, without any appearance of contumacy or violation of any real or supposed right, the more readily have a hearing and gain her desired end. The non-intercourse act of the Grand Encampment was rescinded and harmony apparently restored.

Policy, not principle, had caused the Grand Commandery to recede from her position of independence; for the desire of freedom from her jurisdiction was deeply seated in the heart of every Templar with us. But although the heart was not in the act of re-union, yet as far as the *eye* could see or the *ear* hear, all things, so far as the Grand Encampment was concerned, were *rightly done*. Therefore, in 1852, we find the appointment of another committee to inquire into the expediency of taking measures for withdrawing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment. In 1853 the committee reported that it was inexpedient at this time to take any steps for the withdrawal. The words, *at this time*, explain why no action should then be taken. The M. E. Grand Master, Sir W. B. Hubbard, was then in the city, with authority to settle the case of the jurisdiction of Wheeling Commandery, and it would have been uncourteous to him, for whom they had the highest respect, to act upon such a matter in his presence.

In 1857 the propriety of the dissolution of the Grand Encampment was discussed by a number of the Grand Commanderies under its jurisdiction, especially by those of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Connecticut and Indiana. Ohio did withdraw, but afterwards receded from her position of independence. And this Grand Commandery instructed her delegates to the succeeding Grand Encampment to endeavor to obtain the dissolution of that Grand Body, and if not successful, to request permission for this Grand Commandery to withdraw from her jurisdiction. In 1858 the same instructions were again given to our delegates to the next Grand Encampment.

In 1861 the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment addressed a circular letter to the Grand Commanders in reference to the war, then just opening. Our Grand Commander, Sir E. H. Gill, replied to it, and closed his communication by saying: "I give you notice that the Grand Commandery of Virginia is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and will no longer regard or obey any orders or edicts emanating from it or its officers." The Grand Commandery of December in that year fully endorsed this act of their Commander.

That there is no personal feeling against the members of the Grand Encampment which actuates this Grand Commandery in their desire to be free from its jurisdiction (although from their past acts of grievance toward us there is apparent, if not real cause for such feeling,) but that it is a principle in the breast of the Virginia Templar, which would cast aside that body as a useless if not a dangerous

incumbrance to the machinery of the Orders of Knighthood, we need mention only the well-known fact that the same Assembly (of 1861), at which the Grand Commandery had declared that she would no longer be in subjection to the Grand Encampment, a request was made for her to assist in the formation of a Grand Encampment for the Confederate States. This she at once positively declined, being determined to remain independent of all higher or controlling bodies.

In November, 1865, the war having ended in the subjection of our State, and the Grand Encampment not having legislated in reference to the declaration of independence by this Grand Commandery, as a means of restoring quietness and harmonizing all conflicting feelings as far as this body could do it, the Grand Commander wrote to the Grand Master, asking that this Commandery be allowed to return to her allegiance to the Grand Encampment. This was at once granted, and the act of the Grand Commander in putting us again under the yoke was sustained by the Grand Commandery in December, and the supremacy of the Grand Encampment over us was settled by the resolution "repealing the act of 1861 suspending our connection with the Grand Encampment." In 1867 it was again

Resolved, That our delegates to the Grand Encamement be required to take such steps, by memorial or otherwise, as to withdraw this Grand Commandery from the jurisdiction of the said Grand Encampment.

The delegates who attended (the first of this body who were ever present in that body) did not take any action to gain the desired end. They made a verbal report to the Grand Commandery for their seeming neglect, and their course was sustained by a resolution to that effect.

And again, in 1869, we find the subject of a permanent separation brought up, in a discussion in reference to a demand of the Grand Master to surrender our claim to some territory in Florida, supposed to be held by us, acquired by the circumstances of the times, beyond the limits of State jurisdiction. And it is under a resolution growing out of that demand, adopted at that time, that we now make this report.

From this sketch of the history of our connection with the Grand Encampment, and the acts and doings of both parties in reference thereto, in which we have not knowingly or intentionally set down aught in malice, or presented it in a stronger light than strict truth and justice demand, we think the following inferences are correctly drawn:

I. That the Grand Commandery has been, and is now, unwillingly held as one of the members under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and would cordially rejoice at her permanent separation therefrom in peace, recognition and good will, but not otherwise.

II. That this Grand Commandery has ever held, and with more firmness now holds to the declaration that the Grand Encampment is not only useless, but may be an oppressive and dangerous body, and that her acts 1. In requiring St. John's Rising Star Commandery to take out and pay for a charter of constitution, when the said Commandery had existence prior to the Grand Encampment, and had a Lodge warrant for its authority. 2. In chartering a Commandery at Wheeling, in this Jurisdiction, without our knowledge or consent, and without

requiring the recommendation of the nearest Commandery, thereby taking money which should have found its way into our treasury. 3. Putting the names of three Commanderies in this Jurisdiction, working under a warrant from this Grand Commandery, upon her register, without their knowledge or ours, and trying, condemning and publishing them as "faithless," without giving them notice of the charge against them, and therefore without giving them a hearing, and under a law made for the case and executed the moment of its making. 4. Putting the ban of non-intercourse upon the members of this Grand Commandery and all who recognized them, for not acknowledging her supremacy. 5. Her denying in her constitution the Masonic right of three Commanderies, by delegates, to organize a Grand Commandery without her consent, which she may withhold to any extent. 7. Her doing homage, as a body, in full array, to a military chieftain in no way connected with this or the Masonic order—her acts, these and others—indicate the character of a body regardless of the rights of others whom they can cripple by the authority of power, and declare the danger of the influence she may and probably will exert when her present numbers shall be swollen by the immense host which will have flocked to her standard when this mighty country shall have become fully populated, in trampling under foot the rights of subordinates and the privileges of the Templar, and in perverting the Order to any purpose, how ever low, and unmasonic, and unknightly, which she may believe will advance her own interests or cripple those of one whom she desires to degrade.

III. That this Grand Commandery will not be at rest and contented in her assigned sphere, and be of that use and influence in the great Templar field of which it is capable and which it should have, until this subject of permanent separation from the Grand Encampment—now having been agitated for nearly fifty years—shall be settled, either by our obtaining our oft-expressed desire, or by the clear Medo-Persian decision of the Grand Encampment that it shall not be.

We therefore offer the following preamble and resolutions;

WHEREAS, The Grand Commandery of Virginia has, from the very beginning of her existence to the present time, been in principle strongly opposed to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and to every and any other supreme Masonic or Knightly body having superior power to State organizations; and for a great portion of the time has been, and now is unwillingly a member of said Grand Encampment, and has often expressed her desire, by act and resolution, for a permanent peaceful separation therefrom; and,

WHEREAS, Such separation can be had only in one of three ways: 1. By the dissolution of that Grand Body. 2. By violent separation or rebellion against constituted authority; and 3. By her allowing us to withdraw in peace, honor and recognition; and,

WHEREAS, The first of these means is in the distant future, and perhaps improbable at any time; and the second is fraught with immense inconvenience and great sacrifice in isolation, non-intercourse, malice and ill-will, and would not be advisable for us to use, unless her assumptions of power and acts of aggression should be too oppressive for peaceful endurance; and the third is the only proper and legal means of gaining our desire, and the only feasible plan to be tried or recommended, and which, notwithstanding the repeated orders and requests of this Grand Commandery to her delegates to the Grand Encampment, has not been truly and fairly tried, as her records clearly show; and,

WHEREAS, It is important to our peace at home and usefulness abroad, that the oft-expressed desire of permanent separation be gratified, or subjected and at rest,

until some cause should arise of sufficient oppression or injustice to warrant open rebellion; therefore,

(1). *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Commandery to memorialize the Grand Encampment at its next assembly, in Baltimore, in 1871, most respectfully asking that body to allow this Grand Commandery, in peace, in honor and in recognition, to withdraw therefrom, and become a free, sovereign and independent Grand Encampment. And said committee shall be hereby instructed to attend that assembly, and, if allowed, to urge our petition, and, if said petition be granted, to aid in drawing up the plan of mutual relation, power and extent.

(2). That it is the duty of the members of this Grand Commandery who are *ex officio* members of the Grand Encampment to attend its stated assemblies, and to take such part in the work of that body as, in their judgment, the interests of Templarism in general, or those of this Grand Commandery in particular, may require, and which they may be able to render.

(3). That should the Grand Encampment refuse or decline to accede to our request, we shall, nevertheless, ever feel free to hold and declare that ancient Craft Masonry is, according to the old constitution, the real source of all authority for conferring the Orders of Knighthood, and of allowing the formation of Commanderies to regulate its ritual and control its members in reference to its own laws and principles; and that no department of Knighthood has the right to pass any law, or establish any custom, or exercise any authority, or establish any jurisdictional claims, inconsistent or in conflict with those of common Masonic law and usage. And while we will be true to the vows of our position, however assigned, yet we shall ever maintain that the origin of the Grand Encampment, her claims to control the organization of State Grand Commanderies, and some portions of her so-called constitution, are unmasonic, and that the existence of such a body is fraught with danger to the true aim and principles of Masonic Knighthood.

(4). That while we will keep our desire for independence, if not granted, within due bounds, we will ever stand ready and willing to unite with sister State Commanderies, when they shall be in sufficient number to command a hearing, in forcing, so far as we can in a courteous and Knightly manner, the Grand Encampment to allow a peaceful and honorable withdrawal to such Grand Commanderies as desire to maintain a separate existence.

(5). That our proper official delegates to the Grand Encampment of 1871 be authorized, should they have reason to believe our new Masonic Temple will be completed in time, and should otherwise deem it advisable, to invite that Grand Body to hold its session of 1874 in the city of Richmond.

(6). That it is advisable to appoint a historiographer to this Grand Commandery, whose duty it shall be to collect, arrange, preserve and embody the written and printed memorials bearing upon the history of Templarism in this State, and of this Grand Commandery, to serve as materials for the future historian, or to write out the history thereof, and report from time to time, as shall by the Grand Commandery be deemed advisable.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a passing notice to our proceedings.

The R. E. Grand Commander and Grand Recorder were re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar held their Twelfth Annual Conclave at the Asylum of Wisconsin Commandery, in the city of Milwaukee, January 18, 1871. Sir William H. Hiner, Grand Commander; Sir William T. Palmer, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander says although his "official acts have not been numerous, yet they have been of some importance. Three dispensations for the formation of new Commanderies have been granted the past year." He says of the bodies organized, that they enter the Knightly circle "under favorable auspices, and will faithfully discharge the duties committed to their trust." The Grand Commander alludes feelingly to the Sir Knights who have passed from this troublesome world to the realms of blessed immortality within the last year. He says of Sir Knight Tracey, that "he was the first in that jurisdiction honored with the title of Eminent Commander, to which post he was appointed by the lamented Grand Master Hubbard, in the dispensation creating Wisconsin Commandery, No. 1, in the year 1850." Referring to him and others, he says: "They have joined the galaxy of Billings, Smith, Hunt, Daggett and others, who in times gone by have stood in our ranks and inspired us with their example." As to the present Conclave, he says: "Let us on this auspicious occasion render sincere thanks to Almighty God that so many of us, in the enjoyment of unimpaired health and reason, are permitted again to meet in fraternal deliberation. Let us bear in mind that the great purpose of our Order is to make its votaries wiser and better men in all the relations of life. May the spirit of the Divine Master guide us in our deliberations on the present occasion, tempering them with harmony, wisdom and justice. His blessings attend us and all devotees of our noble Order through life, and the light of His love pilot our weary spirits through the gloomy valley of death, to realms of ineffable joy in the kingdom of the Eternal Father."

Sir A. V. H. Carpenter, Deputy Grand Commander, made a most able report, replete with interest and information, not only to the Sir Knights of Wisconsin, but to every true Sir Knight in the land, giving a statement of his doings under an order from the Grand Commander to visit the several Commanderies, and report at this Conclave their condition; the effect of legislation had at the last Conclave, together with such recommendations as, in his judgment, would be necessary to promote the interest of Templar Masonry in that jurisdiction. Your committee would like to reproduce the report and address in full, feeling that the reading of the same would greatly benefit every Sir Knight in the land, but its great length forbids us doing so, and we must be satisfied with gleaning portions of the same. We hope to hear from Sir Knight Carpenter again; he has the true ring of a courteous Knight.

Speaking of installations and festivals, he says: "I think that every Masonic body should celebrate the occasion of installation of officers in a public manner. Bring then together the families of the brethren, and have these services performed in their presence. Let them witness the ceremonies and hear the sublime lessons of the charges to the several officers and to the members; they will appreciate such a compliment, and will thus have an opportunity of understanding the difference between the *ideal Mason*, there portrayed in such roseate hues, and the *actual man*, as he appears in the ordinary relations of life. I would not open our doors to the public, but our families should be admitted on all proper occasions to a participation in our festivities. How much more interest would their presence lend to the ceremonies? Let every *true man* answer.

"You wished me to state the result of my observations as to the effect of the legislation of the Grand Commandery in the matter of requiring a year's '*probation*' between the Chapter and the Commandery, and requiring advanced payment of the price of uniform and equipment. In relation to the first subject, I am of the opinion that a modification is called for, not only by the sentiment of the several Commanderies, but by a due regard to the advancement of the Order. I do not think the legislation was unwise when adopted, but the object thereof has been accomplished by a practical awakening of the Commanderies to a necessity of looking *beyond* the fact as to whether a candidate is a 'Royal Arch Mason in good standing,' for a *definition of his fitness* to become a member of an 'Institution founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues.' This being done, I am willing to trust the integrity of the Commanderies for protecting this Order. I believe in legislating where necessary, and repealing the same when *that* is best.

"In relation to the other matter, I am of opinion that this country is too new, and the purses of the brethren not plethoric enough to stand such a draft at once, as a general thing; moreover, the present financial condition of the country is such as to render it prudent to divide the payment of the fees from the cost of equipment and uniform. I would modify that enactment so as to permit of Knighting candidates on payment of the usual fees; but to ensure their being equipped and uniformed within a reasonable time, I would not admit them members of the Commandery until they equip and uniform themselves agreeably to regulation of Grand Encampment, and pay such sum for membership

fee as shall equal the amount of the dues chargeable to them had they been members during the intervening period between being Knighted Templars and equipping and uniforming themselves. This would accomplish the same result as the present mode, and would relieve the embarrassment of prepaying the whole sum on receiving the Orders, which, at the present time, is a serious drawback to the prosecution of the designs of many very worthy Companions to become members of this Order."

From the address of the worthy Sir Knight we select a few passages. He says: "We profess to demand the best type of character of those who seek admission to our fellowship. Is it not of equal importance that those who have passed the portals shall be held to as high a standard *after* as before admission to our sublime mysteries? I will say right here, once for all, that Masonry is not a reform school for training perverse natures or disciplining bad men into obedience to wholesome restraint. No one comes to its doors except of his own free will and accord; so no one remains except by his own volition. It is the *duty* as well as *right*, therefore, of all who have the welfare of Masonry, as a beneficient force, at heart, to maintain a high standard of character as a *sine qua non* of admission *to* or of remaining *in* the lines." He further says: "A true Masonic life will give us confidence in each other. We ought so to live that a certificate of membership would be a voucher for a good character in any place under Heaven, and especially among Masons. It is not a pleasant reflection, but nevertheless true, that such is not the case. A Masonic diploma is no more an evidence of good character in its holder than is a long prayer the evidence of a pure heart on the part of a *professed* Christian. There are those in our ranks whose standing is nominally good whom no business man would trust to measure up even the hulls of buckwheat. When all such are consigned to their appropriate place, and the character of our members so reliable that a Mason's word is as sacred as another man's bond, then will Masonry express just what its teachings imply. Then will there be a reasonable degree of security in trusting a Mason on his own recognizance. Then can we be sure that our wives and children will receive the protection to which they are entitled. Then will the mystic swords of Knights Templar be drawn in defense of the cause to which they are so solemnly devoted. Then will the mystic shields of 'pilgrim warriors' be a moral bulwark for the 'innocent, the distressed and

helpless,' stronger than a rampart of stone or a serried line of bayonets about a city."

In concluding, the Sir Knight says: "May our eyes never behold the dawn of that day when the sanction of this society can be reckoned upon by any one to cover a willful violation of any of the laws of its ethical or spiritual elements; and I trust that, upon due consideration of the great possibilities within the compass of this powerful organization when rightly handled, no Sir Knight who has any regard for his opportunities to do good will think of retiring from active service while his faculties remain; and I would like to see those who, without consideration, have allowed disgust or indifference to influence them to retire from their association with us, return to active life again, and take up this problem and handle it on the plan I have indicated. There will be no trouble then in managing matters properly. It is the inattention of our *best* men to the active duties of our organizations that has enabled those of a different grade to obtain sway in some places. Recollect what potency there is in *one negative vote* at the right point of time, and never omit an opportunity to exercise that right in every case where there is a doubt in respect of the benefit of the proposition to the Order. The great Captain of our Salvation requires this vigilance at our hands, and will accept of nothing less."

During the session of the Grand Commandery, the R. E. Commander decided that officers of new Commanderies chartered at the present session, could not vote for the election of Grand Officers, as their Commanderies were not duly constituted nor their officers installed.

So much of Sir Knight Carpenter's report as referred to the uniforming and equipping of Sir Knights was referred to a special committee, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That any Sir Knight created in this jurisdiction after the passage of this resolution, who shall fail to uniform and equip himself within six months from the date of his being created a Knight Templar, shall be excluded from voting or holding office in any Commandery under this jurisdiction until he shall so equip himself; and it is hereby made the duty of all E. Commanders in this State to see that this resolution is strictly enforced.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Sir John Turner. He reviews in a masterly manner the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Commanderies, ours included. A very interesting table accompanies the report, from which we learn that at

the dates mentioned there were 26,523 Knights in the United States, not including California, Iowa and Kentucky (whose reports had not come to hand), and that in the year embraced in the report there had been 3,935 Knights created. Sir Knight Turner thus draws his knightly sword on us. Speaking of our proceedings, he says: "They are very brief, devoted almost wholly to matters of local interest--call for no comment from us, except to note the fact that the Grand Commandery again permitted Commanderies under dispensation to vote at the election for Grand Officers. The Grand Commandery of Michigan leads in innovation. Some time since she sent her subordinates *written rituals* —now gives votes to parties who, as says Sir John Simons, of New York, have for it 'no color of right or law,' but is 'a violation of the statutes of the body permitting it.'"

Let us see about this great innovation. Some years ago a committee was appointed to revise and make uniform the Work of the Order in this jurisdiction, and they were instructed, after finishing their labors, to furnish a copy of the Work as revised to the Grand Recorder as the property of the Grand Commandery, and through the Grand Recorder this Work was furnished to the Commanders of subordinate Commanderies for their instruction. The Work has, since the Commanders have been instructed, been returned to the Grand Recorder, and is now safe among the archives. No harm done, Sir Knight—no great innovation. Your jurisdiction has *one way* of attaining uniformity of Work; *ours another*. *We* trust our Commanders a short time with the *partly written* ritual; doubtless *your Commanders all* learn the Work without notes. If so, we will borrow them for use of our jurisdiction for a short time. Our jurisdiction, in *point of law*, have always taken the same ground that Sir John Simons does relative to Commanderies under dispensation voting at election of Grand Officers, but as a matter of courtesy, *not right*, we occasionally allow those parties to vote. Knightly courtesy sometimes goes outside of Templar law, and sometimes those *very slight* innovatians are "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

Sir Knight A. V. H. Carpenter, of Milwaukee, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight William T. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

Having thus reviewed the proceedings of our esteemed correspondents, devoting to some more than usual space, consequent on the import-

ance of vital and interesting questions presented, we trust the patience of our readers is not wearied, and that they will derive as much pleasure and profit in the perusal of these pages as we have in their compilation.

It affords your committee great satisfaction to notice the high degree of prosperity prevalent in the several jurisdictions. Many whose career of usefulness was checked during the war, are again, with renewed vigor, buckling on their armor, and valiantly entering the contest against "the world, the flesh and the devil," diffusing the benign principles of our beloved Order, and imparting the lustre of love and good-will to all. We also desire to tender our sincere acknowledgments for the courteous notice our State Jurisdiction has received from their able reviewers, to many of whom we are under special obligation. The universal harmony existing, the desire to promote each others' welfare, and to rejoice in each other's prosperity, points to results gratifying to every true Templar. The writer is under especial obligations to the Grand Recorder elect, Sir W. P. Innes, for able assistance rendered in almost entirely making this review; and promises, on some future occasion, to reciprocate, if not with equal ability, at least with a desire to express candidly the feelings pervading this jurisdiction toward its many and esteemed correspondents. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon you and us, and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Courteously, for the committee,

O. BOURKE,
Chairman.

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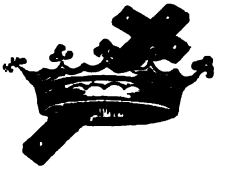


Sir Benjamin Brown French,

PAST GRAND MASTER

OF THE

Grand Encampment Knights Templar,

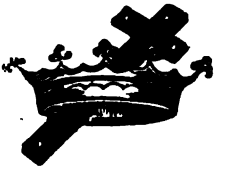
OF THE

United States.

Born September 4th, 1800.
Died August 12th, 1870.

His Knightly Sword, without a stain or tarnish upon its bright surface, has been returned to its Scabbard, there forever to rest.

In Memoriam.



Sir William M. Fenton,

PAST GRAND MASTER

OF THE

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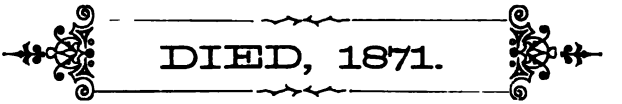
OF THE

State of Michigan.



He was struck down, dying with his harness on, battling for the good of others.

"Friend and Brother, we bid thee a long farewell."

In Memoriam.

Sir WILLIAM A. RENT,

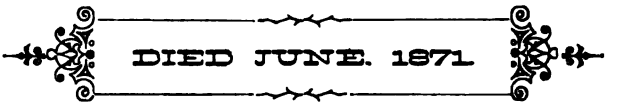
PAST EMINENT COMMANDER,

OF

Columbia Commandery, No. 18,

AT

Sturgis, Michigan.



He was a true and courteous Knight.

"I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write: Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors."

In Memoriam.

REV. SIR W. B. COOK,

PRELATE

OF

Muskegon Commandery, No. 22.

AT

Muskegon, Michigan.

A faithful Minister of the Gospel of Christ; a valiant and magnanimous Sir Knight.

He hath gone to the reward of the righteous in God. "Be ye also ready."